



SEACLIFF COMMUNITY KINDERGARTEN

TITLE: Sun Safe Policy

REVIEW AND REVISION

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Context

Research suggests that unprotected exposure to the sun during childhood is an important factor in the development of skin cancer later in life. Cancer Council SA advises people protect their skin at times when the UV radiation level is 3 and above – this is when it is strong enough to cause damage to unprotected skin. For much of South Australia, UV radiation levels are 3 and above from September to April. Cancer Council SA also recommend that monitoring occur in May and August when UV levels often exceed 3, and that particular care should be taken during September to April between the hours of 10am and 3pm where the UV radiation levels are at their highest.

The purpose of this Policy is to that all children attending our kindergarten are protected to the best extent possible from skin damage caused by harmful rays of sun, in line with the Cancer Council SA recommendations. attending the kindergarten that all members of the kindergarten are

Aims

The aims of the Seacliff Community Kindergarten Policy are to promote among children, parents and staff:

Positive attitudes towards skin protection

Lifestyle practices which help to reduce the incidence of skin cancer and the number of resulted deaths

Personal responsibility for decision making about skin protection

Awareness of the need for environmental changes in our kindergarten to reduce the level of sun exposure when the UV radiation level is 3 and above.

This policy should be reviewed in line with Department for Education and Cancer council SA guidelines for sun safety.

Implementation

The Policy is to be implemented at all times.

It is the expectation that all staff, and parents of Seacliff Community Kindergarten will use the following strategies:

Access the UV rating each day to monitor the risk and plan for the safety of the children while at kindergarten.

Learn about sun safety and how to protect their skin when UV radiation level is forecast to be 3 or above.

Wear and ensure children wear a broad brimmed, legionnaire or bucket style hat when ever they are involved in outside activities during the period 1stSeptember to 30th April and at other times when the UV rating is above 3. Children not wearing a hat will be expected to play in covered areas of the kindergarten.

Dress children in shirts with collars, clothing with sleeves and longer style shorts to maximize sun protection.
(Parents)

Set up play experiences in the shade of the trees verandah and shade covers wherever possible during peak sun exposure times, and particularly between the hours of 10 am and 3 pm. Consideration will be given to excursions and outdoor events occurring outside of peak times of the day.

Encourage children to play in shaded areas during peak hours.

Apply sunscreen to children prior to attending kindergarten (parent)

Reapply provided sunscreen during the day (staff with child with sunscreen provided by parents or centre SP30+ at a minimum)

The Sun Smart message will be reinforced through the curriculum by:

staff role modelling sun safe behaviours in the kindergarten..

Informing Parents of the Policy and promotion via various communication channels.

Teaching children about sun safe practices and monitoring these practices with children's involvement.

Director

Ensuring implementation of this policy.

Ensure the policy is reviewed every 3 years at a minimum.

Inform parents / guardians of the requirements of these procedures.

Staff

Follow all reasonable instructions in relation to this policy.

Inform parents / guardians of the requirements of this procedure.

Parents

To support the requirements of the policy and procedures.

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