

Policy Title: SunSmart Policy

Classification: Health and Safety

Monitored by: H&S Advisor

Approved by: GM Professional Services

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Objective: To protect children and staff from excessive exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UVR) from the sun, which causes sunburn, skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer.

Commitment: HCK is committed to providing safe outdoor environments, and to following the Cancer Society recommendations for keeping safe in the sun.

Related Documents

- Licensing Criteria for Early Childhood Education and Care Services 2008

Between 1st September and 30th April (especially from 10am–4pm), and when the UVI is 3 or above:

1. Kindergarten staff will role model SunSmart behaviour, including wearing hats and clothing that protects their skin when outside, as well as having time in the shade.
2. The programme schedule and mobile equipment setup will take the sun into consideration.
3. Children must always wear a hat when they are outside.
4. Hats are available for children to borrow if they do not have their own.
5. Sunscreen is available for children to apply (with supervision) or have applied by an adult.
6. Children are encouraged to put on clothes that protect their skin from the sun.
7. Children are encouraged to have regular water breaks and time in the shade.
8. The SunSmart policy and procedures are regularly promoted to children and whānau.

The Association will:

1. Assist kindergartens to develop procedures that support this policy.
2. Ensure SunSmart practices and procedures are implemented at all kindergartens.
3. Ensure SunSmart practices are followed by staff to ensure a safe working environment.

Review:

This policy will be reviewed biennially, in consultation with staff.