

Rationale

Exposure to excessive amounts of sunlight without adequate protection puts our children at significant risk. A range of measures to reduce this risk are vital to protect the health of our children.

Hats/Clothing

Children are encouraged to wear sunhats and clothing that covers their skin while playing outside.

- Parents will be asked to provide a named hat for their child
- Wearing a hat when playing outside is mandatory in Term one and Term four of each year. When playing outside, staff will encourage the children to wear their hats. This may involve bringing the children their hats. Refer to 'Positive Guidance' policy.
- Staff may provide a preschool hat if the child does not have their own hat. These hats are washed on a weekly basis.
- Staff will wear sunhats to act as role models for the children.

Sun Cream

- Each family is asked to apply sunscreen to their child/children before they leave their child at preschool in the morning. A notice will be placed in term newsletters to remind parents. Staff will apply sunscreen to the van children.
- Staff will encourage children to reapply sunscreen, helping when needed, after lunch time, after water play or towel drying.
- Preschool uses SunGard SPF50+. Parents may provide their own sunscreen for their child which will be named.

Sunshades

- The preschool has a variety of covered areas outdoors where children can play and be protected from the sun.
- Shades sails will be removed and cleaned annually during the school holidays.
- Shade sails may be removed during term time if weather conditions make them unsafe.

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