

SUN SAFETY POLICY

Rationale: Excessive exposure to the sun's UV radiation can cause sunburn, skin and eye damage and skin cancer. Babies and young children are particularly vulnerable to UV damage.

Purpose: This Sun Safety policy has been developed to ensure that all children and staff are protected from damaging levels of UV radiation from the sun during all outdoor activities.

Sunsmart

- From the beginning of October to the end of April, sunhats & sunscreen are compulsory.
- On overcast/rainy/cloudy days, Team Leader/Lead Teachers will decide, based on forecast & UV readings being 3 or above, whether sunscreen needs to be applied. The UV level will be recorded on the daily sunscreen application chart.
- All children should have sunscreen applied before arriving at preschool. It will be the responsibility of the parents/caregivers to apply sunscreen to their children. The centre will make available sunscreen for parents to use. This will be placed at the sign-in desk in the foyer.
- If your child arrives between 7.30am - 8.30am we will apply sunscreen at approximately 9.30.
- Sunscreen will be applied again at approximately 12.00pm to all children & at 3.00pm to children here after 3.30pm, unless advised otherwise by parents/caregivers. Applications will be recorded on our daily Sunscreen application chart.
- In May and September, we will encourage sunsmart behaviour by the use of hats, long sleeve tops and seeking shade. We will apply sunscreen if the management deems it necessary. Parents are welcome to apply sunscreen to their children before arriving at preschool.
- On the days specified above, children and staff will wear hats when outside. Children not wearing hats will be asked to play indoors.
- The centre will supply wide brimmed sun hats. These will be washed at the end of each day. No caps are to be worn as these do not provide adequate sun protection.
- Children and adults are to wear 'Sunsmart' clothes, eg: t-shirts rather than singlet tops. Shoulders need to be covered.
- The centre will have available a broad spectrum reputable sunscreen, SPF 30 or above, Australian and NZ standard (AS 2604 for use).
- Children under 6 months of age will not have sunscreen applied unless parents request this and have signed the authority.
- If a child is unable to use the Centre's sunscreen then their parent / caregiver / whānau will be required to provide a named sunscreen for their child and a sunscreen authority form completed and signed.
- Staff and Management will work together to provide a 'Sun Safe' environment. EG: Adequate shade through sails and trees. This will be considered when setting out activities outside.
- We do not insist children wear footwear, except on the bike track, carpentry area, vegetable garden and forest tracks. If parents have a specific requirement, please speak to management.

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Darfield Preschool & Nursery

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