

Sun Protection Policy

Rationale:

New Zealand has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world. By following sun safe procedures, teachers at Small World can minimise the dangers to children's health and well being.

Objectives:

- To ensure that children are effectively protected from the sun and its effects at all times.
- To support children to develop an awareness and understanding of the sun's harmful effects and the ways that they can protect themselves.

Procedures:

- Children (and staff) are required to wear hats and sunscreen (SPF 15+) whenever they are outside in the sun – a no hat = play inside or in the shade rule will apply.
- Staff will provide shaded areas and children will be encouraged to use these when playing outside.
- Small World will provide hats so that there is an option when children have forgotten their own (parents will be encouraged to provide a broad brimmed hat).
- Staff will role model the use of appropriate clothing, sunscreen and sun safe behaviours.
- Children will be encouraged to apply their own sunscreen under adult supervision.
- Infants (who should not use a sunscreen) will wear hats outside.
- Drinks will be available to children at all times.
- Educational material about sun protection will be made available in the parent libraries and teachers will be provided with sun protection updates.
- Sun protection will be incorporated into the planning of all outdoor events and excursions.
- Sunsmart behaviours and skin protection awareness will be discussed regularly with the children as part of the curriculum.