



AORAKI COMMUNITY EDUCATION TRUST BOARD

## POLICY: SUN PROTECTION.

**Rationale:** The Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 requires management to take all reasonable steps to protect staff and children in the centre.

To protect children from the long term cumulative effects of sun exposure during the months of daylight saving. This policy will also be implemented outside day light saving months according to weather conditions. The following will apply:

- \* SPF30 and above sunblock will be supplied by North Haven Child Care & Education Centre for staff and children, or by parents/caregivers/whanau if their child has an allergy and shall be applied to exposed skin on arrival.
- \* If a child is under six months of age North Haven Child Care & Education Centre requires parents to provide their own sunscreen for their child.
- \* Sunhats provided by parents/caregivers/whanau which protects the face, neck and ears shall be worn by children playing outdoors at childcare at all times. A no hat, no sunscreen, no outside play rule will be enforced. Appropriate clothing i.e. t-shirt with sleeves, are also required to be worn at all times. Caps/hats, singlets/dresses that leave ears, back of neck and shoulders exposed are not permitted.
- \* Staff will act as role models by: -
  1. wearing appropriate hats and outdoor clothing
  2. using sunscreen for skin protection
  3. seeking shade whenever possible
- \* Children, parents/caregivers/whanau and staff will be taught why the skin needs protection from the sun and how to protect it through a newsletter, notice boards, etc.
- \* Children will be encouraged to remain in shady areas during the hottest part of the day.
- \* Staff will when possible arrange activities and outdoor equipment in shaded areas.

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