

Sun Sense Policy

Rationale:

At TreasureTree we believe that the wellbeing and safety of the children within our care is paramount to their holistic development. Exposure to ultra violet rays is potentially harmful we therefore follow these guidelines to ensure safe play spaces and precautions are taken.

Objectives:

- That children develop an awareness of the effect of the sun on their health.
- That educators are provided with guidance in respect of protecting children from the effects of the sun on their health.
- That parents/guardians/whanau of enrolled children are consulted in respect of appropriate protection from sun damage:
 - ✓ Use of sun hats
 - ✓ Use of appropriate protective clothing
 - ✓ Use of sun protection lotions
 - ✓ Use of natural environment
 - ✓ Timeliness of the day for outdoor activities

Guidelines:

- Children will be encouraged to wear a hat when outdoors during the summer months.
- Educators are encouraged to role model sun safety by wearing their own sun hat whilst outside and applying sunscreen regularly.
- Parents will be requested to provide a sun hat and protective sun lotion for their enrolled child.
- Permission will be sought from parents/guardians/whanau for the educator to apply sunscreen lotion as previously approved/supplied.
- Water will be readily available to the children.
- Educators will take opportunities to educate children about sun safety.
- Activities will be placed in shaded areas during the summer months.