



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 tamariki in the centre.

To protect tamariki 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 tamariki, or by parents/caregivers/whānau if their tamaiti has an allergy. Sunscreen will be applied by parents/caregiver/whānau to exposed skin on arrival. Sunscreen will be re applied by staff at lunch time each day.
- * If a tamaiti is under six months of age North Haven Child Care & Education Centre requires parents/caregivers/whānau to provide their own sunscreen for their tamaiti.
- * Sunhats provided by parents/caregivers/whānau which protects the face, neck and ears shall be always worn by tamariki playing outdoors. If this is not possible then the tamaiti will be expected to remain in the shaded areas of the playground or inside. 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
- * Tamariki. parents/caregivers/whānau and staff will be taught why the skin needs protection from the sun and how to protect it through the newsletter, notice boards, etc.
- * Tamariki 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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