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Skin Protection Policy

Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world with two out of every three people developing some form of skin cancer before they are 70.

Skin damage, including skin cancer is the result of cumulative exposure to the sun. Sun exposure in the first ten years of life determines to a substantial degree, the likelihood of skin cancer developing later in life.

Cancer Council SA advises people to protect their skin at times when the ultraviolet (UV) radiation level is 3 and above—this is when it is strong enough to cause damage to unprotected skin. For much of South Australia, UV radiation levels are 3 and above everyday from August to April. It is during these months that skin protection is necessary. During May to July sun protection is not necessary for vitamin D maintenance and production.

Win Newby Kindergarten is a member of the SunSmart Early Childhood Program. Children and staff are obliged to follow the centres skin protection policy during their time at kindergarten.

Outdoor Play

All children and staff are expected to wear a legionnaires, broad-brimmed or bucket hat in terms 1, 3 and 4, which is the advice according to the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) These hats are required as they protect our face, ears and neck. Baseball caps or peaked caps do not offer appropriate protection for these areas. Children who forget or lose their hat will be restricted to indoor play, unless a spare hat is available, under the NO HAT, NO PLAY OUTDOOR PLAY policy.

UV ratings will be checked by staff through the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) website and displayed in the kindergarten for staff and families to see. Outdoor activities will be set up in shaded areas and children will be encouraged to play in shaded areas. Where possible, outdoor activities will be rescheduled outside of the peak UV times of the day.

Sunscreen

Parents/Caregivers are to apply sunscreen at home. An SPF 50+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen is available at the Kindergarten for parents to apply if this was not done at home. Staff are not required to apply sunscreen to children. However children who are at Kindergarten full days will be supported by staff to apply sunscreen during the lunch care program. This is applicable on days when the UV rating is 3 and above. Parents sign a permission slip for sunscreen on enrolment. Staff are required to apply sunscreen during outdoor learning times.

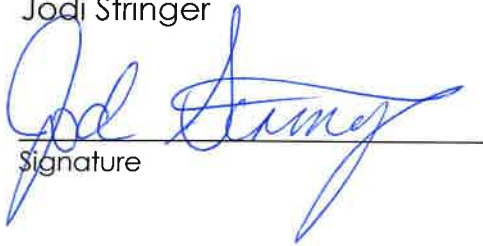
Clothing

Children and staff are required to wear appropriate clothing which protects skin. Shirts with longer style sleeves are appropriate with preferably a collar. Longer style shorts/skirts are also appropriate. Singlet tops and strappy dresses are not appropriate for kindy. Children wearing this clothing during the months of August to April will be required to play in the shade.

Information regarding Skin Protection will be regularly checked on the Cancer Council website and reinforced through centre activities and displays. New staff and families will be informed of the skin protection policy. Sun protection will be included in the program.

This policy was endorsed and ratified by the Governing Council on Monday 9th May 2016

Chairperson
Jodi Stringer



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