

Red Kite Preschool

Sunsafe Policy

Rationale: New Zealand has one of the highest skin cancer rates in the world. Skin cancer in later life has been linked to sun exposure as a child. Red Kite Preschool will ensure that all children and adults are protected from the sun.

Procedures:

All children will have sunblock applied by their parent/caregiver on arrival. Sunblock will be provided at the sign-in table for this purpose. Parents will apply a stamp to their child's hand to indicate that sunblock has been applied.

All children will have sunblock applied a second time after lunch if they do not sleep, or on waking if they do sleep.

All children will wear hats when outside between October and April (inclusive). If they refuse to wear a hat, they will be sent inside to play. Adults will model appropriate behaviour by wearing hats when outside, and are encouraged to apply the centre's sunscreen to themselves as appropriate.

Sunshades over the sandpit and main outdoor play area will be maintained in good condition. A sun umbrella will be provided for the junior sandpit.

Staff will pay particular attention to ensuring babies, and any child with red hair, play in the shade as much as possible and have sunblock applied more frequently.