

# Sun Safe Policy

## **BASIC COMMITMENT**

We are committed to minimising the risk of harmful exposure to the sun.

***Te Whāriki – Wellbeing Mana atua*** – Children experience an environment where they are kept safe from harm and their health is promoted.

**Note:** This policy will operate throughout the daylight-saving months, hats and sunscreen will be used outside this time, when temperatures are high.

## **AIM 1**

To protect tamariki and others from skin damage caused by harmful ultraviolet rays of the sun.

This Aim will be achieved as follows:

1. Incorporating programmes on Sun Safe behaviour into the curriculum.
2. When outside all Tamariki will wear a hat that should protect their face, neck and ears.
3. Asking parents to apply sunblock prior to children arriving, and teachers re-applying more sunblock for Tamariki after lunch.
4. All staff providing an example to tamariki by wearing a sensible hat, which protects them from harmful rays of the sun.
5. Tamariki and Kaiako being encouraged to wear clothing that protects the skin from sunburn.
6. Tamariki being encouraged to stay in the shade whenever possible.
7. The centre providing shade areas outside.

## **AIM 2**

To have the involvement and cooperation of parents/caregivers/whanau to reinforce Sun Safe practices.

This Aim will be achieved as follows:

1. When enrolling their child, parents will be requested to give permission for staff to apply sunscreen products to their child, when necessary, while attending Country Kids.
2. At the commencement of daylight-saving time, parents will:
  - Be informed of this policy.
  - Supply own sunscreen product if preferred
  - Supply a hat if their child is in the Piko piko programme
  - Drop off their child with sunscreen already applied

**REFERENCE:**

Enrolment Form

Cancer Society (1997) - Keep Children Safe from the Sun.

Nelson Marlborough District Health Board Health Guidelines.

