



CHILD SAFETY POLICY – SUN SAFETY

Introduction

At Shine Montessori Educare the health and safety of children is a priority and of paramount importance. We make our Centre a safe and healthy place for children, parents, staff and volunteers.

Aim

We aim to make children, parents and staff aware of the health and safety issues and to minimise the risks associated with exposure to sun.

Methods

In order to fulfil these aims:

- We will increase the children's awareness of skin damage from exposure to sun during the high-risk months of October till March when UV radiation increases sharply and how to minimise such damage by using hats, sunscreen and suitable body covering;
- We require all children to wear a hat – (we recommend a named – wide brimmed hat with a cord under the chin as hats without cords often fall off particularly during vigorous outdoor play and children are often too busy playing to be concerned about their hats);
- The Centre will have a few spare hats available in emergencies, however it is best that your child has their own named hat as sharing hats can be an opportunity for head lice;
- When outside during these months a “no hat – no play” policy is implemented;
- Due to the fact that children arrive at staggered times (between 7.30am – 9.30am) parents are asked to apply the first lot of sunscreen to their child either at home or before leaving the Centre in the mornings.
- Staff will apply a second round of sunscreen at the 11.15am outdoor playtime and a further round of sunscreen at 3.00pm will be applied for children staying at the Centre for After School Care.
- We provide sunscreen for the convenience of Parents which will be located near the Sign In / Sign Out sheets and can be applied to all children before they go outside.

- Parents of children with allergies will be required to supply their own sunscreen lotion to the Centre;
- We require staff to be suitable role models for children by wearing protective clothing, sunscreen and hats for outdoor activities during the high-risk months;
- We provide outdoor areas with suitable shade for children, staff and parents;
- We encourage and remind children to have a drink of water from their water bottles which will be easily accessible to children on the lunch trolleys.