HOT WEATHER POLICY

30/09/2016

Policy Statement

The Kindergarten will provide a safe and comfortable environment for the children and minimize the risk of heat illness for children and adults.

Rationale

Young children are at a greater risk of suffering from heat illness than adults. Children can find it difficult to respond to environmental heat and require adult support and supervision to manage health and activity.

Kindergarten Curriculum

The program includes:

- sun safety
- healthy nutrition and frequent drinking of water

Policy Requirement

Kindergarten

- choice of outside activities determined by staff according to sun, heat, humidity and wind
- outside teacher to determine play areas in review of ground and play equipment surface temperatures
- outside activities undertaken in shaded areas
- clean, fresh drinking water available
- outside play only with appropriate hats (see also SunSafe Policy)
- review policy every 2 years

Parents

- adhere to SunSafe Policy (clothing, hat, drinking bottles)
- provision of child’s own bottle of water
- awareness about children arriving/departing site during high heat risk times between 10am and 2pm

References

Childcare Licensing and Standards
DECD Guidelines for developing a Preschool Hot Weather Policy
National Quality Standards
Cancer Council
Prospect Kindergarten SunSafe Policy

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