**HOT WEATHER POLICY**

**30/09/2012**

**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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