Sun Protection Policy

**POLICY:**

All staff attending the centre will wear hats and sunscreen, children will be encouraged and reminded to wear hats, use sunscreen and wear ‘sun safe’ clothing.

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

* Regulation 77 “Health, hygiene and safe food practices”
* Regulation 168 (2)(a) “Policies and procedures are required in relation to health and safety, including matter relating to:

(ii) Sun protection

* Regulation 114 “Outdoor space - Shade

**PROCEDURE:**

Family members are asked to supply SPF30 sunscreen for their child

Wherever possible children are encouraged to be under cover between the hours of 10:00am and 3:00pm during the months of November through til March

NB This is at the discretion of the co-ordinator and staff in accordance with up to date information about the UV Ratings for that day

Where possible outdoor activities will be set up in the shade, out of direct sunlight

Staff will act as role models by:

Wearing a hat and sunscreen outside at all times

Seeking shade when possible

Educating children the importance of sun protection

Family members are required to supply a hat for their child that is suitable to wear outside in the sun. Hats must be labelled with the child’s full name

Children are required to put their hat on before going outside

Children are reminded throughout the day to keep their hats on

DATE ENDORSED\_\_\_\_\_\_ May 2015\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DATE FOR REVIEW AND EVALUATION\_\_\_\_June 2018\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| RISK ASSESSMENT – TRANSPORTATION | | | | |
| ACTIVITY / HAZARD IDENTIFIED | RISK ASSESSMENT Before Elimination/ control measures  (USE MATRIX) | ELIMINATION / CONTROL MEASURES | RISK ASSESSMENT Before Elimination/ control measures  (USE MATRIX) | WHO AND WHEN |
| Sunburn/ sunstroke | MODERATE | All Staff and children will follow sun safe recommendations including wearing hats and sunscreen. Children will be encouraged to wear sun smart clothing. Staff uniforms will adhere to sun smart clothing. Children suffering from sunburn or sunstroke will be cared for by staff member with current first aid qualifications. Children will be encouraged to replenish fluids throughout the day | LOW | ALL STAFF |
| Sunscreen allergies | MODERATE | Children with known allergic reactions to sunscreen will be asked to supply their own sunscreen. If children appear with symptoms of an allergic reaction whilst at the centre they will be cared for and monitored by staff member with current first aid qualifications |  |  |
| Overheating/ heat exhaustion | LOW | Children will be kept in cool shaded areas or indoors if temperature deemed too hot by supervisor. Children will be encouraged to drink water and replenish bodily fluids throughout the day. If children begin to show symptoms of heat exhaustion, child will be monitored and cared for by staff member with current first aid qualifications | LOW | ALL STAFF |

Risk Matrix

CONSEQUENCE

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|  | INSIGNIFICANT | MINOR | MODERATE | MAJOR | CATASTROPHIC |
| ALMOST CERTAIN | Moderate | High | High | Extreme | Extreme |
| LIKELY | Moderate | Moderate | High | Extreme | Extreme |
| POSSIBLE | Low | Moderate | High | High | Extreme |
| UNLIKELY | Low | Low | Moderate | High | High |
| RARE | Low | Low | Low | Moderate | High |