



2:1 SUN SAFE POLICY

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New Zealand has one of the highest incidences of skin cancer in the world. Children attending Let's Grow will have plenty of time outside and will need protection from the sun's harmful rays.

PRINCIPLE

At Let's Grow we ask parents to supply a hat for their child to be left at the centre, the hat needs to have a brim or flaps that will protect the face, ears and neck, parents are advised to label their child's hat so that staff can identify who the hat belongs to.

Staff will ensure children are protected from the sun during outdoor activities, by appropriate use of shade, clothing, hats, activity scheduling and sunscreen.

Let's Grow will endeavor to shade the sand pits and the main areas of play where possible.

ACTIONS

Children will wear sun hats at all times while outside.

Let's Grow will also provide hats for the children that do not come with one.

Sunscreen of at least SPF15 will be applied at least three times daily during the summer period. Shade will be used for activities where practical and necessary. Sun awareness will be part of the curriculum taught to the children at mat times and during the sun hat and creaming procedures. Explaining to the children why it is important to be sunsafe and do in a simple, appropriate and understandable way.

Staff will wear hats outside with the children to prevent exposure and to role model sun safety. Children will be encouraged to keep clothing on at all times, appropriate clothing includes a top and bottoms.

If a child requires a special type of sunscreen for sensitive skin etc parents are asked to bring it into the centre, clearly marked with their child's name.

PROCEDURE

The teachers in each room will apply sunscreen on their children at least three times a day, more often if necessary and extra applications after water play.