



PELORUS COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL

Sun Safety Policy

Education [Early Childhood Services] Regulations 2008 (and its Amendments): Regulation 46

Licensing Criteria for Early Childhood Education and Care Centres 2008: Criterion HS28

Rational:

Children and adults at Pelorus Community Preschool need protection against the damaging effects of the sun. At Pelorus Community Preschool we are cognizant of the Cancer Society message of slip, slop, slap.

Te Whariki Well Being Goal 1. Children experience an environment where their health is promoted.

- Sun hats and protective clothing are to be supplied for each child by the parent/caregiver/whanau.
- If a child refuses to wear a sun smart hat whilst outside they are to remain inside in the shade.
- Parents are expected to apply sunscreen to a child prior to starting their preschool session. For full time children sunscreen will be applied prior to morning mat time and their hand will be stamped to confirm this has been done.
- Parents are welcome to supply their own sunscreen for their child if they do not wish for them to have the PCP supplied sunscreen used on their child.
- Parents are asked for permission for the staff to apply sunscreen on their child on the enrolment form.
- The preschool will make use of natural and artificial shade areas available for activities during the time the sun's rays are most harmful.

- Children are never outside wearing less than a t-shirt and are always required to wear a hat during the months of October to March. T-shirts must be worn under shoe string strap dresses.
- Parents will be encouraged via the monthly newsletter to apply sunscreen to their children prior to their arrival at preschool for a session, and informed of the dangers of sunburn.
- All children attending Pelorus Community Preschool must wear a sun smart approved hat. Pelorus Community Preschool will supply samples of sun smart approved hats and have an order form available for parents to order through the preschool.

Licensing Criteria

- Medicine (prescription and non-prescription) is not given to a child unless it is given:
 - by a doctor or ambulance personnel in an emergency; or
 - by the parent of the child; or
 - with the written authority (appropriate to the category of medicine) of a parent.
- Medicines are stored safely and appropriately, and are disposed of, or sent home with a parent (if supplied in relation to a specific child) after the specified time. (HS28)

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