

Sun Smart Policy **HS29**

Rationale

Little Feet Childcare centre aims to protect all children and staff against the damaging effects of the sun.

Procedures:

- Parents are encouraged to bring named sunhats for their children. If a child forgets to bring one on a day, the Child/Children will be encouraged to stay inside or play in the shaded area.
- Sunblock is applied every 4hours when children are exposed to the sun and will be re-applied if they have had a water play. Sunblock is provided by the centre. Children requiring special sunblock due to skin allergies must provide their own, all year round.
- During summer parents are encouraged to sunblock their children prior to bringing them to the centre each morning.
- Teachers will role model the use of hats and sunscreen when outside.
- Children are to wear appropriate clothing which covers as much of their skin as possible when they are outside.
- For infants who often remove their hats, sunblock will be applied directly onto their scalps.
- The availability of shade areas is considered when planning for outdoor activities.
- Drinking water is always available.

When a child is enrolled into our centre

- Parents are asked to provide suitable hat for their children.
- Parental consent to apply the sunblock is taken through the enrolment form.
- Parents will be asked to bring in their own sunscreen if their child has any skin allergies and require special sunscreen.