Para Hills West Pre-school
Sun smart / Hot Weather Policy

In line with DECD policies Para Hills West Preschool is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthy working and learning environment for staff, children and visitors to the pre-school. To achieve these aims the preschool has develop these guidelines regarding sun smart practices for hot weather. The Cancer Council of SA recommendations can be found at www.cancersa.org.au/sunsmart.aspx


All persons (adults and children) must wear a hat outside during Terms 1 and 4. Children will not be allowed to play outside without a hat during these terms. Parents will need to supply a hat (preferable broad brimmed or legionnaire style). Parents are encouraged to dress children in clothing that is appropriate for the weather.

Staff will endeavour to check daily UV levels http://www.bom.gov.au/sa/uv/ and display information for referral by families, children and educators outside of Terms 1 and 4. Parents are actively encouraged to check UV levels throughout the year and provide appropriate sun protection for their children as required.

Staff will not be responsible for applying sunscreen to children attending half day sessions. Parents will need to be responsible for applying sunscreen to children before they come to preschool.

For children who attend all day preschool, parents may send an appropriate sunscreen with their child (clearly named and within use-by date). This must be handed to a staff member. Alternatively parents may authorise the preschool to provide the child with a specifically stated sunscreen (approved by the Cancer Council) for the children to apply themselves under the supervision of the staff. In both cases written permission is required on the
Sunsafe agreement form for staff to apply sunscreen to their child or to supervise the child applying it to themselves. On hot days outdoor activities will be provided in shady areas, where possible. On days of extreme heat or UV rating, staff will decide whether it is safe to play outside and will perform risk assessments for resources and play surfaces to ascertain their suitability and safety. At all times a supply of cool, fresh water is available. The preschool provides a fridge for the storage of food.

Staff, volunteers, visitors and workers attending the site will be expected to wear sun protection and be responsible for supplying their own sun protection equipment. The preschool has an effective cooling system (air conditioning) and contingency plans (including early dismissal as appropriate) will be implemented to manage events which effect the normal functioning of the cooling system. If any person at the centre suffers from heat related illness - heat stress, heat exhaustion etc they will be required to complete and ED155 and details will be entered on to IRMS (DECD Incident Response Management System). Sun safety is promoted through the program for children including visits from 'Sunny Sunsafe' (a program supported by the Cancer Council of SA).