

All Weather Policy

Rationale:

- ✦ To ensure that all children and staff are fully protected from the effects of our changing weather.
- ✦ To ensure that all necessary precautions are being taken to reduce the risk of sickness or injuries from occurring.

Sun Safety

- ✦ The staff will follow the recommendations of the Cancer Society (<https://aucklandnorthland.cancernz.org.nz/en/reducing-cancer-risk/what-you-can-do/sunsmart/>) to protect children from the harmful UV rays of the sun and wear hats and sunscreen whenever outside between 10.00am and 4pm during daylight saving months.
- ✦ Staff need to ensure that sunscreen is applied to children every 2 hours whilst they are outside to help reduce the risk of being sunburnt.
- ✦ When enrolling children in warm weather months, sunscreen and protective clothing will be discussed with the parents.
- ✦ Parents/whanau are to provide a hat preferably with neck protection. The centre provides sun block for children, unless a parent requests their own brand is used. All children and staff will be required to wear a hat when outside. **NO HAT MEANS NO OUTSIDE PLAY.**
- ✦ The outside sunshades will be maintained to ensure there is adequate shade. When the sun is hot, activities will be placed in areas where there is shade.
- ✦ Sun is reflected off water so staff will take particular care near the water trough.
- ✦ Sunburn needs to be taken just as seriously as other burns. If sunburn does occur keep the child out of the sun and apply an approved after sun lotion, which will be stored in the first aid kit.
- ✦ In the event of severe sunburns staff with contact management and whanau immediately.

Airport Oaks / Henderson / Orewa

Cold, rainy days

At Bright Sparks Childcare we believe *“There is no such thing as bad weather, only appropriate clothing” (Sir Ranulph Fiennes)*

- ⊕ Parents are requested to provide appropriate clothing and footwear for their children that will enable their child’s full participation in all weather.
- ⊕ Parents will be requested to provide a warm hat/beanie for the winter months.
- ⊕ All children’s clothing need to be named

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