



Clann Aire

Sunscreen Policy

Policy Statement:

The Health and Welfare of the children in our care is of utmost importance to all Early Years Educators. When the weather starts to get warmer, and temperatures begin to rise Suncream is used to protect the children within our care.

Principle:

This policy is underpinned by the Child Care Act 1991(Early Years Services) Regulations 2016 and Tusla (2018) Quality and Regulatory Framework.

The following policy will be adhered to:

- Parents are expected to provide the Centre with an unopened labelled sunscreen for their child, as well as a sunhat and suitable clothing. Please refer to our "Protection against the Elements Policy". We would recommend a sunscreen which is durable up to 10 hours and water resistant. Please ensure that your child is not sensitive to the sunscreen that you have provided us with.
- Sunscreen cannot be shared between siblings; each child **MUST** have their own bottle. You will also have to replace it every 12 months with a new bottle. It will be stored in the child's individual room, out of reach from the children.
- Parents **MUST** apply sunscreen before attending crèche, pre-school or Afterschool.
- Sunscreen must be applied when the children go outdoors in the afternoon. Sunscreen will be applied according to the instructions 30 minutes before going outside so it will be fully effective.
- Sunscreen must be reapplied after excessive physical exercise, running or water play.
- Parents will be provided with a consent form to sign for the application of sunscreen by the Early Years Educators. This will state that "The Early Years Educators will not be liable for a child when putting on sunscreen. They will do their best to apply to areas that will be exposed to the sun."
- If parents refuse to apply sunscreen, prevent us from applying sunscreen or do not supply us with **their OWN sunscreen**, then their child may be excluded from certain activities and may have to be temporarily accommodated in a different room. This decision will be at the discretion of the full daycare manager and will consider the health & safety risk to the child in question.
- We will ensure that children engage in drinking as much liquid as is required on hot days to ensure they stay hydrated.
- We will engage with parents of children when their child presents a challenge, relative to keeping them hydrated during hot spells of weather
- Children will **NOT** be directly in the sun for long periods of time, Early Years Educators will accommodate play in the shade.

Sample consent form for parents

Consent to Apply Sunscreen

I _____ the parent of, _____. Consent to the Early Years Educators applying sunscreen on my child.

I acknowledge that the Early Years Educators are not liable when putting on sunscreen on my child. They will do the best to apply to the areas that are exposed to the sun.

This policy was adopted by Clondrohid Community Crèche Pre-School & after School Services.

Signed by: Hazel Murray On behalf of Management (Manager, Owner, Chairperson)

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