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Inclement Weather Policy - 2018

Moana Kindergarten will promote a safe environment for children, staff and parents.

Rationale

At Moana Kindergarten inclement weather is likely to be extreme heat, storm, or wind.

Implementation

The following guidelines are in place:

Heat

- Hats will be worn outside in term 1, 3 and 4 (August to April) and when the Uv is above 3 as per the 'NO HAT NO PLAY' directive in the site's Sun Smart Policy and Procedure.
- Sunscreen is applied in the middle of the day in Terms 1, 3 and 4 (August to April) and when the UV is above 3 as per the site's Sun Smart Policy and Procedure.
- Drinking water will be provided and staff will endeavour to ensure all children have water in their drinking bottles.
- Staff will promote and encourage the drinking of water, especially on hot days.
- Outdoor activities will be restricted to shaded areas and physical exertion and rigorous exercise will be restricted.
- Cooling water play activities will be provided.
- Cool restful periods will be scheduled and promoted throughout the day.
- Bushfire action plan will be in place and actioned if required.

Wind

- At times of extreme wind children will be restricted to engaging in activities on the enclosed verandah or inside the main building.

Storm or Hail

- During storms (including dust or electrical) or hail children will be restricted to using the area on the enclosed verandah (if appropriate) and inside the main building.

- The doors to the outdoor learning environment will be closed if required due to a threat to children's safety.

Rain and cold weather

- Protective clothing, such as raincoats and rubber boots are to be worn when it is raining.
- Families will be encouraged to provide weather appropriate clothing for children so that they can access the outdoor play space year round (weather permitting).

Endorsed by Governing Council

Chairperson _____ Ross Whitfield_ Director: Sophie Northcott _____ Date: __22/5/2018__

If you require further information regarding any of our policies, go to www.decd.sa.gov.au

In accordance with Quality Area 2: Children's Health and Safety

To safeguard and promote children's health and safety, minimise risks and protect children from harm, injury and infection. All children have the right to experience quality education and care in an environment that provides for their physical and psychological wellbeing and provides support for each child's growing competence, confidence and independence.

Element 2.1.1 Each child's health needs are supported.

Element 2.3.2 Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury. www.acecqa.gov.au

Related Documents

Moana Sun Smart policy and Procedure

Inclement Weather and Sun Protection Procedure, Department for Education, October 2017