



Background:

The children at Naíonra an Lána are encouraged to use the garden as often as possible. Outdoor learning is an important part of every pre-schoolers day and the children benefit from the learning opportunities and opportunities for sensorial play and stimulation and reflection posed to them through outdoor play.

Procedure:

To ensure the safety of each and every one of our children, whilst they play outdoors, sunscreen will be routinely applied to children as they go out to play on bright days.

Staff will apply sunscreen to all exposed areas of the body (face, arms, legs, back of neck). Children will also be encouraged in their independence skills in this regard, whilst under complete supervision to ensure thoroughness of application.

We have received pre-consent from each parent to ensure that we are allowed to apply sunscreen to each child. Sunscreen is supplied by the service but If any parent would like a particular brand they may supply this.

Should any child be allergic to sunscreen or only be able to tolerate a particular brand of sunscreen, we will only use that brand on every child as cross contamination can occur.

Ingestion:

If sunscreen has been applied whilst in the garden, hands must be always washed after garden time so that there can be no ingestion of sunscreen particles. Children wash their hands automatically after garden time anyway so this should not impact.

Storage:

Sunscreen will be stored in the fridge.

Communication:

Should sunscreen be applied, a note will be taken of the time of application and this should be verbally communicated to parents at the door and through the WhatsApp group so those not collecting are aware.

Date: 12/10/2017

Date of adoption: Immediate