

Sun Screen and Mosquito Repellent Policy

Because the skin of young children is very vulnerable to the sun's rays, we need to work together as a team to protect them from harmful burns. In fact, most skin damage takes place before the age of **18**. Then sun damage caused to the skin during childhood is cumulative and irreversible. Furthermore, one person out of seven is likely to develop skin cancer during his/her life. The main cause is overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays (**Mission UV Educational Program**).

Kinder House has chosen to use **Ombrelle**, the #1 recommended sun protection brand by Canadian Dermatologists and Pharmacists - Mission UV Educational Program. To cover the expense and to eliminate having 27 different brands(the staff would have to wash their hands after each application), we ask that **each child contributes \$20.00 towards our "sun screen fund"**. Parents will then be asked to fill out and sign the permission letter below if you would like to participate. All sun screen will be applied at **8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. daily**. We also ask that each child bring a sun hat to protect them from heatstroke also. Kinder House has purchased sun hats for each child also as sometimes hats are forgotten at home. The hats will be labeled with each child's name, however, these hats **must stay at the daycare in your child's bin**. This will be included in the sun screen fee.

It is our parents' choice whether they would like to participate in this Sun Screen Policy. However, they must ensure that their child(ren) have some form sun screen protection while participating in outdoor activities at Kinder House. Kinder House Staff will not be held responsible if the sunscreen provided by parents is not effective. **It is the parents responsibility to be knowledgeable and research the product they are providing for their child(ren).**

Protection from mosquitoes is also very important. However, because the peak times for exposure is "**dawn and dusk**", we choose not to apply mosquito repellent as overexposure can be very harmful to children. **Only if a child has a severe allergy and we have written consent from the parent, will we apply repellent.**

_____ I have read the description of the **Sun Screen Policy**, and I wish to Participate.

_____ I have read the description of the **Sun Screen Policy**, and **I do not wish to Participate**. I will provide sun screen for my child (with his/her name on it).

Parent / Guardian's Name: _____

Parent / Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____