RATIONALE

Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school. The Sun Smart Policy has been developed to ensure that all children attending Kinross Primary School are protected from the harmful rays of the sun. It will be implemented throughout the year, with extra vigilance in terms 1 and 4.

Aims

- To educate students as to suitable sun-smart protection strategies.
- To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun

Guidelines and Procedures

A. As a part of general Sun Smart Strategies:

1. All children are required to wear Sun Smart hats, which protect the face, neck, and ears whenever they are outside. (Legionnaire, broad-brimmed or bucket hats)

2. Children who do not have hats with them will be asked to play in an area protected from the sun or indoors. NO HAT NO PLAY

3. Children will be encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor play activities.

4. Staff will act as role models by: Wearing appropriate hats and clothing outdoors. Seeking shade whenever possible.

5. SPF 30+ broad spectrum sunscreen will be available for all staff and children to use.

6. All parents are responsible for applying SPF 30+ to their child, during the summer months and daylight saving months.

7. Teaching about skin and ways to protect skin from the sun will be incorporated into the curriculum and programmed activities.

8. The Sun smart policy will be reinforced in a positive way through parent newsletters, notice boards and meetings.

9. Staff and parents will be provided with educational material on sun protection.

10. Activities are to be set up under shade.

11. Management will review the sun smart policy on an annual basis and revise the policy as required.

B. When enrolling their child, parents will be:

1. Informed of the Sun smart policy.

2. Asked to provide a suitable hat for their child’s use.
3. Asked to provide a labelled container of SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen for their child’s use, where a skin allergy occurs.

4. Required to give authority for staff to administer sunscreen and parents will be notified that their child will be encouraged to use their self-help skills in applying sunscreen to themselves under staff supervision.

5. Encouraged to practise Sun smart behaviours themselves.