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Stay Safe Policy

Our school teaches the Stay Safe Programme, a teaching package designed for use in Irish primary schools. It was researched and developed by the Child Abuse Prevention Programme. The principal aim of the programme is to prevent both physical and sexual abuse of children.

Under Child Protection Guidelines all schools are obliged to teach the Stay Safe programme. The Stay Safe Programme has been updated and from the 2017/2018 school year onwards the new Stay Safe Programme is being implemented in our school.

Stay Safe is taught as part of the SPHE (Social Personal and Health Education) curriculum.

Children from Junior Infants to 6th class participate in formal lessons on the Stay Safe Programme.

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to become involved by discussing each lesson with their child and helping their child to complete each worksheet based on the lessons in the programme.

It is considered good practice to inform parents in advance of commencement that the Stay Safe Programme is due to be taught and to direct them to www.pdst.ie/staysafe for any further information.

In the event that a parent withdraws their child from the Stay Safe Programme a written record of their reasons for doing so will be kept on file.

Staff will be facilitated to attend any CPD training in the revised Stay Safe programme.

Ratification and Communication

The Board of Management of Queen of the Universe N.S. has ratified this plan.

It is available to parents to view at the school.

Signed _____ Chairperson

Date _____