

ST. GABRIEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL STAY SAFE POLICY

St. Gabriel's primary 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 physical and sexual abuse of children and bullying.

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 will be implemented.

Stay Safe is taught as part of the SPHE (Social Personal and Health Education) curriculum and as per best practice recommendations it will be taught on a rolling two year cycle in the second term of the year.

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 further information. Consent to participate in SPHE is sought when the children first enrol in our school. Should a parent have concerns the Principal will meet him/her and outline the contents of the programme and its rationale. Parents who wish to withdrawn consent must do so in writing. 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.

Cross campus information meetings for parent will be held intermittently and staff will be facilitated to attend CPD as necessary.

Other relevant Policies and documents

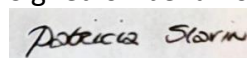
Health & Safety policy
Child Safeguarding Statement
Relationships and Sexuality Education Policy
Social Personal and Health Education curriculum

Review

This policy will be reviewed by the Board of Management as necessary and will endeavour to review it within a four-year period.

Signature

Signed on behalf of the Board of Management:



Chairperson of Board of Management

Date: 27 February 2024