

ST. PATRICK'S BOYS' NATIONAL SCHOOL

School Policy Document

Stay Safe Policy



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Introductory Statement

This policy aims to:

- Create a safe, trusting, responsive and caring environment by valuing each child's contribution and work through praise and encouragement.
- Provide a personal safety skills education which specifically addresses abuse and prevention of abuse for all children in the school
- Develop awareness and responsibility in the area of child protection amongst the whole school community
- Put in place procedures for good practice to protect all children and staff

St. Patrick's Boys' National 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 will be implemented.



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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. The Friendship & Bullying aspect of Stay Safe will be revisited every year.

If children move school parents must ensure that children receive stay safe education.

Children from Junior infants to sixth 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 encouraged to attend CPD training in the revised Stay Safe programme.



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Roles and Responsibilities.

It is the responsibility of all the stakeholders (staff, parents and Board of Management) to familiarise themselves with the terms of this policy and to contribute positively to its on-going implementation within the school setting.

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school if your child misses Stay Safe. Material on the stay safe programme is available on www.staysafe.ie.

This policy will be reviewed in the academic year 2019-2020 and subsequently every three years, unless changes are required by legislation or other needs arise before then.

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