

## Stay Safe Policy 2019

### Procedures and Practices

St Corban's B.N.S. 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 Revised Stay Safe Programme is being implemented. All teachers have received training in the Revised Stay Safe Programme.

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.

Children from Senior Infants, First Class, Third Class and Fifth Class participate in formal lessons on the Stay Safe Programme over their time in our school.

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.

According to Dept. Circular 65/2011 "All primary schools must fully implement the Stay Safe programme". The PDST recommend that the Revised Stay Safe Programme is taught in its entirety over a two year period. The full thirteen lessons of the Revised Stay Safe Programme are taught as a unit of work in Senior infants, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> class in Jan - April each year as a stand-alone programme. Each class has a copy of the Revised Stay Safe Book and the contents of this book can be found online on the Stay Safe website [http://www.staysafe.ie/teachers\\_dlssp.htm](http://www.staysafe.ie/teachers_dlssp.htm)

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

We 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](http://www.pdst.ie/staysafe) for any further information.

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

### **Success Criteria**

1. Discussion/Evaluation at Staff Meetings
2. Positive feedback
3. Teacher observations and feedback.
4. Efficient routines and well organised procedures.

5. The subject area running smoothly, well-resourced and well-monitored.

**Review**

This policy is reviewed as the need arises.

**Communication**

A copy of this policy has been given to each teacher and is available for parents to view in the school.

**Ratification**

This most recent version of the policy was ratified by the Board of management in 2019.

Signed: *Shyue Shue*

Date: 9/2/19.

(Chairperson, Board of Management)