**Policy on the Stay Safe Programme**

C.B.S. Primary School teaches the Stay Safe Programme. The programme was researched and developed by the Child Abuse Prevention Programme. The aim of the programme is to prevent both physical and sexual abuse of children.

 Under Child Protection Guidelines all schools are obliged to deliver the Stay Safe programme. The Stay Safe Programme will be implemented in its totality in each class in the school.

Stay Safe is taught as part of the SPHE (Social Personal and Health Education) curriculum and it will be taught on a rolling two-year cycle in the third term of the year. See our C.B.S. SPHE policy which was ratified in April 2018 to read the content.

Children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class participate in formal lessons on the Stay Safe Programme.

Log on to [www.pdst.ie/staysafe](http://www.pdst.ie/staysafe) to see the content of the lessons.

The R.S.E. (Relationships and Sexuality Education) programme will also be taught in the third term. Parents are informed in advance of commencement of teaching the R.S.E.

In the event that a parent informs the school that they wish to withdraw their child from the R.S.E section of the stay safe programme, a written record of their reasons for doing is required from the parent. This is retained on the child’s school file.

In 6th class the sensitive topics are covered every year by a qualified guest speaker/s in the evening with the parents of these pupils in attendance.

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

This plan was ratified by the Board of Management at a meeting on: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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