



Presentation Primary School
Greenside South, Carrick-on-Suir, Co. Tipperary



Stay Safe Programme Policy

Presentation 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 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 the revised Stay Safe Programme has been 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 as per best practice recommendations it will be taught, as outlined in the 'Making the Links and Beyond' PDST manual. Stay Safe lessons can also be taught at any stage during the school year if a teacher feels it is appropriate to pupil needs. In addition the RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education) programme will also be taught as per the 'Making the Links and Beyond' manual.

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 the lessons with their child and helping their child to complete the related worksheets based on the lessons in the programme.

Parents will be advised, by the class teacher, about sensitive material that will be covered prior to commencing such lessons. They are directed to www.pdst.ie/staysafe to see the content of the lessons and for any further information they might need.

In the event that a parent informs the school that they wish to withdraw their child from the Stay Safe Programme, a written record of their reasons for doing so is required from the parent. This is retained on the child's school file.

Staff will be facilitated to attend CPD training that may arise relating to the Stay Safe programme.

This plan was ratified by the Board of Management at a meeting in November 2023.