



Scoil Naisiúnta Rónáin Naofa Cluain Lua

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Stay Safe Policy

St. Ronan's 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 (circular 81/17) 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 is being implemented.

Stay Safe is taught as part of the SPHE (Social Personal and Health Education) curriculum and as per best practice recommendations and will be taught on a rolling two year cycle in the second term of the year under the strand unit of Safety and Protection. In alternate years the RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education) programme will be taught. Children from Junior infants to sixth class participate in formal lessons on the Stay Safe Programme.

Home/School links are part of the programme and Parents/Guardians are encouraged to become involved by discussing each lesson with their child and helping their child to complete/sign worksheets 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 have attended CPD training on the revised Stay Safe programme.

This policy will be implemented by the teachers and will be monitored by the whole school community. It will be necessary to review this policy on an ongoing basis and

if the need arises to ensure optimum implementation of the SPHE curriculum in the school.

Those involved in the review will be the teachers, pupils, parents. This policy will be reviewed in 2021 and every two years thereafter. This policy will be reviewed if a need arises. Parents and staff will be informed of any amendments made to the policy via the school newsletter.

This policy was ratified by the board of management at a meeting .

The ratified policy will be circulated to staff and will be made available to parents/guardians on request. It will also be made available on the school website.

Signed Fr Joseph Lantfield
(Chairperson Board of Management)

Date 14 Oct 2019

Signed Maria-Goretti Suelis
(Principal)

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