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Policy on the Stay Safe Programme

St. Kilian's JNS 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 assist in the prevention of both physical and sexual abuse of children.

Under Child Safeguarding 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.

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 alternate years the RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education) programme will be taught.

Children from junior infants to second class participate in formal lessons on the Stay Safe Programme. Parents are alerted to this during the applications process, and requested to contact the school if they have concerns or queries. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to become involved by discussing each lesson with their child and helping their child to complete worksheets based on the lessons in the programme. 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 facilitated to attend CPD training in the revised Stay Safe programme.

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

Date: 4th December 2018

Signed:

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