

## Our Lady of the Wayside NS Policy on the Stay Safe Programme



Our Lady of the Wayside 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 new Stay Safe Programme will be implemented.

Stay Safe is taught as part of the SPHE (Social Personal and Health Education) curriculum and will be taught **in the second term** in the following classes **each year: Junior Infants, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> classes.**

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.

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

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