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Christ The King BNS Stay Safe Policy

Introduction

This policy was devised in line with current recommendations and guidelines [Child Protection Guidelines & Procedures (DES) 2017 and Children First (TUSLA) 2017], relating to child abuse prevention and child protection.

The CAPP (Child Abuse Prevention Programme), more commonly known as Stay Safe, is a primary school based approach to the prevention of child abuse. The aim of the programme is to reduce vulnerability to child abuse and bullying through the provision of a personal safety education programme for children at primary school level..

Aim

The programme aims to give children the skills necessary to enable them to recognise and resist abuse or victimisation, and teaches them that they should always tell an adult that can help, about any situation which they find unsafe, upsetting, threatening, dangerous or abusive.

Format

The Stay Safe programme itself is a personal safety skills programme designed for use with primary school children from Junior Infants through to 6th class. The programme seeks to enhance children's self-protective skills by participation in lessons on safe and unsafe situations, bullying, inappropriate touch, secrets, telling and stranger danger.

The revised Stay Safe programme is presented at four levels in line with the Primary School Curriculum. In Christ The King BNS much of the Stay Safe programme is usually taught in Term 2 each year, as part of the SPHE (Social Personal and Health Education) curriculum. Children from Junior Infants to Sixth class participate in formal lessons on the Stay Safe Programme. A teacher may decide to revisit topics at other times in the year, if the need arises. Staff will make every effort to ensure that the messages of the programme are reinforced whenever possible. In the case of multi-grade situations, the teacher will prioritise the most senior class to ensure that the class has completed all lessons within the level before the end of the school year. The teacher will keep a record of which lessons the younger grade needs to be taught to complete the specific level. This will be passed on to management, in order to inform the teacher who will take that class the following year.

Collaboration

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 or staysafe.ie for further information. Parents and Guardians are encouraged to become involved in the programme by discussing each lesson with their child and helping their child to complete worksheets based on the lessons.

CPD

Continuing professional development for teachers and other staff members (provided by the PDST), training for Boards of Management (provided by the CPSMA) and information sessions for parents, in the Stay Safe programme, will be facilitated.

Companion Documents

This policy should be read in conjunction with:

- Christ The King BNS Child Safeguarding Statement, Risk Assessment & Policy
- Christ The King BNS RSE Policy
- Christ The King BNS SPHE Subject Plan
- Christ The King BNS Anti-bullying Policy
- Christ The King BNS Code of Behaviour
- Child Protection Guidelines & Procedures (DES) 2017
- Children First (TUSLA) 2017
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Organisation & Planning

The Stay Safe Programme in Christ The King BNS will be taught across two years. *See Appendix 1* for details on specific lessons taught at each class level.

Implementation, Review and Communication

This policy was fully reviewed, approved and adopted by the Board of Management on

03/03/2022

Chairperson of BOM: *Anne Dollard*

Date: 03/03/2022

Principal: *Clodagh Vahey*

Date: 03/03/2022

The Board of Management will monitor the implementation of all aspects of this policy and amend as required.

Original signed policy on file in the office.

Appendix 1: Stay Safe

Topics / Lessons taught at each class level

Stay Safe Programme/ Manual	Topic	Lessons	
		Junior Infants	Senior Infants
Junior & Senior Infants	Feeling Safe & Unsafe	All lessons	-
	Friendship & Bullying	Friendship: Lesson: 1	Bullying: Lessons 2-5
	Touches	Mention & Rules	All lessons
	Secrets & Telling	Mention & Rules	All lessons
	Strangers	All lessons	-
		1st Class	2nd Class
1 st & 2 nd Class	Feeling Safe & Unsafe	All lessons	-
	Friendship & Bullying	-	All lessons
	Touches	All lessons	<i>Revision</i>
	Secrets & Telling	All lessons	<i>Revision</i>
	Strangers	-	All lessons
		3rd Class	4th Class
3 rd & 4 th Class	Feeling Safe & Unsafe	All lessons	-
	Friendship & Bullying	-	All lessons
	Touches	-	All lessons
	Secrets & Telling	All lessons	
	Strangers	All lessons	
		5th Class	6th Class
5 th & 6 th Class	Feeling Safe & Unsafe	All lessons	-
	Friendship & Bullying	All lessons	-
	Touches	-	All lessons
	Secrets & Telling	-	All lessons
	Strangers	-	All lessons