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Kildare Place National 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, sexual and emotional 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 new Stay Safe Programme is now being implemented.

Say 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 the second term of the school year. All modules will be given equal weighting during the implementation process. In alternate years, the RSE (Relationships and Sexuality Education) programme will be taught. As part of the school's philosophy, all classes will regularly, formally and/or informally, address day to day issues and concerns that may arise. As the Junior Infant class is new to the school, a variety of informal lessons based on the programme will be taught as part of their ongoing S.P.H.E curriculum.

As part of the two year cycle – Senior Infants, 2nd Class, 4th Class and 6th Class will engage with the formal lessons from the new Stay Safe curriculum.

Stay Safe Topic	Number of Lessons			
	1. Infants 5. Infants	1 st and 2 nd	3 rd and 4 th	5 th and 6 th
Feeling Safe and Unsafe	3	3	3	3
Friendship and Bullying	3	5	6	6
Touches	2	2	2	2
Secrets and Telling	1	1	1	1
Strangers	1	1	1	1

Parents/Guardians are encouraged to become involved by discussing each lesson with their child and by helping him/her to complete worksheet/homework based on the lessons in the programme.

Kildare Place School considers it good practice to inform parents in advance of specific lessons/topics from the Stay Safe Programme each year. The school will also provide additional information to parents when necessary.

In the unlikely event that a parent withdraws his/her child from the Stay Safe Programme, a written record of their reasons for doing so will be kept on file and pupils catered for in an alternative location for the duration of the lesson.

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: 17/9/2025

Signed: [Signature]
Chairperson of Board of Management

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Principal