

**St. Sinneach's N.S.**  
**Colehill, Co. Longford**  
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### **Policy on the Stay Safe Programme**

St. Sinneach's N.S., Colehill 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 revised Stay Safe programme is taught as part of the S.P.H.E. (Social Personal and Health Education) curriculum, will be implemented in its totality in each classroom, annually. It will be delivered in September and February each year. In addition, sexually sensitive issues from R.S.E, curriculum are covered by our guest facilitator, Ms. Samantha Teather, Information Education Programmes, who conducts a day session with 6<sup>th</sup> Class each June.

Children from Junior Infants to Sixth Class participate in formal lessons on the Stay Safe Programme.

Parents are informed in advance of commencement of teaching the Stay Safe Programme. They are directed to [www.pdst.ie/staysafe](http://www.pdst.ie/staysafe) to see the content of the lessons and for any further information they might need and 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.

In the event that a parent informs the school that they wish to withdraw their child from the Stay Safe Programme, a written record of their reasons for doing is required from the parent. This is retained on the child's school file.

Staff will be facilitated and encouraged to attend C.P.D. training and on the revised Stay Safe programme.

This plan was ratified by the Board of Management at a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

Chairperson of Board of Management

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

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Principal/Secretary to the Board of Management

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

