Stay Safe Programme

- Scoil Iósaif Naofa 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 2018/2019 school year onwards the new Stay Safe Programme will be implemented. in its totality in each class in the school.
- Children from JI to 6th classes participate in formal lessons on the Stay Safe Programme as part of the SPHE curriculum every year.
- The programme is discussed with parents on enrolling their daughter. 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.
- 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 <u>www.pdst.ie/staysafe</u> for any further information.
- 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: 16/1/19

Signed:

Jarah Hylard Chairperson