

Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum (KS:CPC)

The Department for Education *Child protection in schools, early childhood education and care services policy* (2015) states that ‘all children and young people in DECD preschools and schools will access the approved child protection curriculum’.

Your child will be taught this curriculum in their class this year. The following tables outline the topics covered in each year level.

Themes

The curriculum is based on two main themes which are presented through topics and activities.

- Theme 1: We all have the right to be safe
- Theme 2: We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

Focus Areas

The two themes are explored through four Focus Areas, which are examined in growing complexity in accordance with the age of the learners.

1. The right to be safe
2. Relationships
3. Recognising and reporting abuse
4. Protective strategies.

More information can be found on the KS:CPC website: <http://tiny.cc/KSCPC-ParentCarerInfo>.

Early Years: Years R–2

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The KS:CPC teaches children and young people to recognise abuse, tell a trusted adult, understand what is appropriate and inappropriate touching and ways of keeping themselves safe.

For Years R–2, the following topics are covered:

The right to be safe	Relationships	Recognising and reporting abuse	Protective strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feelings • Being safe • Warning signs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights and responsibilities • Identity and relationships • Power in relationships • Trust and networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privacy and the body • Recognising abuse • Secrets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies for keeping safe • Persistence

Primary Years: Years 3–5

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For Years 3–5, the following topics are covered:

The right to be safe	Relationships	Recognising and reporting abuse	Protective strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being safe • Warning signs • Risk-taking and emergencies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights and responsibilities • Identity and relationships • Power in relationships • Trust and networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privacy and the body • Recognising abuse • Cyber safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies for keeping safe • Network review and community support

Middle Years: Years 6–9

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For Years 6–9, the following topics are covered:

The right to be safe	Relationships	Recognising and reporting abuse	Protective strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warning signs • Risk-taking and emergencies • Psychological pressure and manipulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rights and responsibilities • Identity and relationships • Power in relationships • Trust and networks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privacy and the body • Recognising abuse • Cyber safety • Domestic and family violence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies for keeping safe • Network review and community support