



Inspectorate

Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspection

Group Discussion with Students

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Inspectorate of the Department of Education is currently conducting a Child Protection and Safeguarding Inspection (CPSI) in your child's school. As part of this inspection, you will have received an invitation to complete an on-line parent questionnaire. Thank you for your time in completing this questionnaire. As you are aware from the invitation to complete the questionnaire the CPSI examines the implementation of the *Child Protection Procedures for Primary and Post-Primary schools 2017* in the school.

One aspect of these procedures requires schools to fully implement Social Personal and Health Education (SPHE) and Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) Programme. In order to evaluate this aspect of the procedures, it is important that we engage with students about topics that they may have covered during SPHE and RSE. For this reason we will conduct a group discussion with a sample of students during the inspection.

The group discussion is designed to provide an opportunity for the students to talk about their learning during SPHE and RSE and their experiences of learning these subjects in school. It will not involve a discussion of matters related to child protection. No student will be asked to provide any personal information and no personal data will be recorded during the discussion.

Your son/daughter has been selected as part of a random sample of students for participation in this discussion and I am requesting his/her consent and your consent for his/her participation. I would be grateful therefore if you would discuss this request with your son/daughter to ascertain if he/she wishes to participate in the group discussion. If he/she wishes to participate, I would be grateful if you and your son/daughter could complete the form below and return it to the school tomorrow morning. **Your son/daughter cannot participate in the group discussion without this written consent.**

Please note also that the Inspectorate will **not** be retaining the permission slips with your or your child's name on them once the inspection is over.

Thank you most sincerely,
Reporting Inspector
Anthony Carty
Inspectorate
Department of Education

Consent Form for Participation in Group Discussion with Inspectorate

Name of Child:

I, the parent / guardian of _____ give my permission for him / her to participate in the group discussion with the inspector conducting the inspection in St. Farnan's Post Primary School.

I _____ (name of child) wish to participate in the group discussion with the inspector conducting the inspection in in St. Farnan's Post Primary School.

Signed: _____ (Parent / Guardian) _____ (Student)