

KEEPING SAFE – CHILD PROTECTION CURRICULUM

Dear _____

I am/we are the parent/guardian of _____ who attend(s) your school.

By this letter I/we put you formally on notice that I/we object to our child/children being present in any class at which the following components of 'Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum' KSCPC are taught or discussed or presented:

1. the “social construction” of gender
2. “gender diversity” (other than any “diversity” constituted by the existence of the two genders known as male and female)
3. the manner and form by which sexual behaviour may be expressed including reference to sodomy and masturbation (but without limiting the generality of this objection)
4. gender dysphoria
5. gender transitioning

I/we believe that gender and sex are identical concepts and “gender” is merely a modern synonym for “sex” as a description of sexual identity.

We believe that there are only two gender identities. These are male and female. This is what we have taught our family and will continue to teach them.

We do not wish our children to be instructed that there are more than two sexual identities or that sexual identity is a choice or that a child can change or be transitioned from his/her natal identity to another identity.

We would regard any such instruction given at school as harmful and unsafe for our child/children.

Regulation 33 of the Regulations made under the *Education and Children’s Services Act 2019* provides:

(1) Pursuant to section 141(2)(a) of the Act, if a person responsible for a student enrolled at a school gives written notice to the principal of the school that the student is to be exempted from participating in specified instruction relating to sex education, or from all such instruction, the student will be taken to be exempt from participating in such instruction.

(2) However, an exemption under sub regulation (1) does not apply in relation to any instruction provided as part of the *Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum*, or a corresponding program that replaces that curriculum.

We regard all of the matters that we object to our children being taught (as set out above) as matters of sex education.

We hereby give written notice that my/our child/children is/are to be exempted from participating in them.

In my/our view, in order for Regulation 33 above to have any meaningful operation, sub-regulation 2 above must be read as preserving only that part of the *Keeping Safe* curriculum as does *not* relate to directly to sex education but only to bona fide child safety matters in which sexual issues might be *incidentally* referred to.

But whether it does or does not purport to operate in that manner, my/our child/children will *not* be participating in those parts of it that contain the sex education matters we have set forth above. By providing you with this documentation we are taking the necessary steps to ensure that they do not take part in such sex education.

“Child safety” in these circumstances appears to me/us to be an expression the Department is using to promote quite different imperatives and agendas than safety.

My/our concerns for our child/children’s safety in these circumstances is amplified by our knowledge of the contents of the relevant Education Department Procedure document described as:
Gender diverse and intersex children and young people support.

It purports, for example, to empower Principals or “site leaders” at schools to keep from parents’ knowledge of particular behaviour of their child at school, namely the child’s adoption of pronouns for himself or herself which are inconsonant with their sex. It is vital for parents to know that children are exhibiting such behaviour and who might be influencing or encouraging their child to do so. Why would the Department have a procedure that allows them to keep such important information from them?

My/our concerns are further amplified by the fact that a third-party entity called “Shine SA” appears to have been delegated substantial responsibility by the Education Department to implement the *Keeping Safe* curriculum, and to design the relevant policy and procedure documents.

I do not want my child/children’s education to be informed in any way by that organisation.

The Education Department appear to have seriously underestimated the willingness of parents such as me/us to do everything required to keep their children safe from political indoctrination, and from harmful and age-inappropriate sexual material at school.

I ask that you as Principal of the school assist me in keeping my child/children safe.

I will co-operate with you in all matters arising out of my child/children’s attendance at your school but only if I can be assured of your co-operation in keeping them safe.

I ask that you confirm in writing as a matter of urgency that you will ensure that no teacher or invitee at the school will instruct my child/children in any of the five matters listed above at any time during his/her/their attendance at school.

Yours Sincerely
