## **sample wording for informing and involving families and communities in the development and review of child safety and wellbeing policies and practices**

## **[NOTE FOR SCHOOL STAFF:**

## **The Child Safe Standards require schools to ensure that families and other members of the school community are informed about and given the opportunity to have a say in the development and review of your school’s child safety and wellbeing policies and practices.**

## **You can do this in a number of ways such as through regular (e.g. once per term) reminders in your school newsletter, through the school website or other parent communication tools.**

## **Provided below is:**

## **sample wording for an initial school newsletter introducing your school community to the new Child Safe Standards and inviting feedback on your recently updated policies and procedures**

## **sample content to help your school communicate your child safety policies and practices on your school’s website**

## **The sample content can be tailored to suit your school’s specific arrangements and communication methods].**

## **SAMPLE newsletter** content for schools to use to inform and involve families and the school community in the development and review of your child safety and wellbeing policies and practices

**Child safety and wellbeing at [Insert School]: information for families and the school community**

The Victorian Government has announced new [Child Safe Standards](https://ccyp.vic.gov.au/news/new-child-safe-standards-start-in-victoria-on-1-july-2022-to-better-protect-children/) to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

[Insert school] has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view [insert where your policies and procedures are published i.e. on your school’s website, via an online parent/carer/student communication platform, at the school’s front office. OR state that they will be available to view early Term Three].

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact [insert contact details eg principal or assistant principal].

## SAMPLE website content for schools to use to inform and involve families and the school community in the development and review of your child safety and wellbeing policies and practices

**Child safety and wellbeing at [Insert School]: information for families and the school community**

[Insert School] is committed to providing a child safe and child friendly environment, where students are safe and feel safe.

Our Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy outlines the measures and strategies we have in place to support, promote and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students:

* Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy [insert link]

As valuable partners in promoting and maintaining child safety and wellbeing at [Insert School] we welcome and encourage your feedback.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions in relation to our child safe policies and practices, please contact [insert contact details eg principal or assistant principal].