

Dear Family,

As you know, we are using the *Second Step* program in your child's learning environment. The *Second Step* program teaches children important skills for getting along with others and doing well in school. It also helps our school be a safe and supportive place where everyone can learn.

To help our school be even more safe and supportive, we are also going to use the *Second Step* Child Protection Unit. In these lessons, children will learn three types of skills:

- **Personal Safety.** Children will learn important safety rules, such as safety with guns, sharp tools, and fire, and when riding on wheels or in cars. They will also learn ways to help them decide if something is safe or not.
- **Touching Safety.** Children will learn about safe, unsafe, and unwanted touches, and rules about touching private body parts. They'll also learn to say no to unsafe or unwanted touches, and to tell a grown-up if someone breaks rules about touching private body parts.
- **Assertiveness.** These lessons will also give children a chance to practice asking a grown-up for help, telling a grown-up about an unsafe situation, and being assertive to get out of unsafe situations.

Your child will bring home simple, fun activities called Home Links that will help you understand what he or she is learning about safety at school and give your child another chance to practice safety skills.

To keep your child safe and protected, everyone at school needs to be involved. So all our staff will get special training in how to:

- Recognize and report suspected child sexual abuse
- Respond to and support children who have been abused or who are facing other challenges
- Use strategies that promote a safe and supportive climate for learning

If you have any questions about the Child Protection Unit or the *Second Step* program, please contact me. If you **do not** want your child to participate in these lessons, please complete, sign, and return the bottom portion of this letter. For more information on our school's child-protection policies and procedures, you can also talk to me or our school's director.

Go online to **SecondStep.org** and log in with the activation key CPUE FAMI LYGE to get more information about what your child is learning in the *Second Step* program. Thank you for helping us to make our school a safe and supportive place where everyone can learn.

Sincerely,

I do not want my child, _____,
to participate in the *Second Step* Child Protection Unit lessons.

Parent/Caregiver signature

Date

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