

Note to Director/Coordinator of Religious Education (D/CRE):

For in-person instruction, the dates for the teaching of the KidTalk lessons must be communicated to parents/guardians with a link to the lessons for parent/guardian review. The parent/guardian may opt-out his/her child from the lesson, however, must contact the D/CRE to obtain and sign an opt out letter. IT IS NOT RECOMMENDED that the opt-out letter be sent to all parents/guardians with the initial notification to avoid unwarranted absences. The following is a sample opt-out letter.

Letter should be on Parish letterhead

Date

Dear (Parent/Guardian name),

Article 12 of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People calls for all dioceses to establish safe environment programs at all grade levels, both in the Parish Religious Education Program and Parish Elementary School. The Archdiocese of Philadelphia provides a personal safety lesson for each level of the Parish Religious Education Program and mandates that this lesson is taught during one session of the instructional year. The Parish Religious Education personal safety lessons known as “KidTalk Safe” are posted at Lessons – phillyocf.org

After reviewing these lessons, you have expressed your desire for your child (ren) not to be present during the teaching of the personal safety lesson scheduled for (date). You therefore are required by the Office for Child and Youth Protection of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia to complete and return this form to the Director/Coordinator of Parish Religious Education. Your signature on this form indicates your request to remove your child (ren) from this instruction.

The “KidTalk” lesson is intended to supplement the conversations that a parent/guardian is having with his/her child regarding personal safety. It is recommended that a parent/guardian review this lesson at home for children who are not present for the religious education program instructional session.

Sincerely,

Name of Pastor

Name of Director/Coordinator of Religious Education

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Name of Child (ren)/ Level (s)
