



14th September 2017

Dear Parent /Carer

The NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme on **Wednesday 20th September**. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot, Buddy, they'll be presenting an assembly and **workshop to the Year 5 and 6 children in our school on 3rd October**. There will also be a workshop for parents on **Wednesday 27th September** from 2pm to 3.15pm. ***On 20th September we will be collecting charitable donations to enable the NSPCC to continue the work they do. If you would like to support in this way, we invite you to send in a donation on Wednesday 20th September.***

What is the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops, their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

We have studied the content of the materials, and heard from other schools who have participated, and we are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools.

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can also find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants .

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

Yours sincerely

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