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"Where Children Come First."

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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 Monday 9th October. 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 to Years 1 and 2.

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

Through a child-friendly, interactive assembly 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 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 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 abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning the word sex.

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

As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. Which is why our school has chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC by taking part in a fundraising event on Friday 20th October. We will be having a non-uniform day and for a donation the children can come to school in clothes of their choice.

If you do not wish your child to take part in the assembly please let school know by Friday 6th October.

Yours sincerely,

Honoria Thompson
Headteacher



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