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Dear Parent/Guardian,

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 am pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who will be delivering their *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme on **Monday 8th October 2018**. This is a nationwide initiative for every primary school aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they will be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6 later this month.

As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. For this reason I am delighted to say that our school has chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC by taking part in a fundraising event, and we would really value your support with this. More information on how you can support their work will follow their visit to our school.

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

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops, NSPCC 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. During the programme, they will be sensitively discussing issues such as bullying and abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

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 or please arrange to speak with me and I can provide you with more information.

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe and they also provide a number of child-friendly materials to support parents. This includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from abuse without using scary words. The guide uses the rules of 'PANTS' to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. If you would like more information about this, you can download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants.



For further information about the NSPCC's work, or if you would like to take a look at the wide range of information and advice available for parents and carers, please visit their website [nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/).

Yours sincerely,

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