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Dear Parent/Carer

NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme** this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand how they can keep themselves safe. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult (e.g. parent or teacher) or Childline. This programme is recommended to schools as part of their ongoing safeguarding support they provide to the children.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of an age-appropriate virtual assembly and supporting classroom-based activity which we have reviewed, alongside a NSPCC volunteer who will lead a face to face workshop for years 2, 5 & 6. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot 'Buddy'.



Parents and carers are asked to let their child's teacher know if their child may have experienced anything (in the past or happening now) which may mean they need extra support before, during or after taking part in this programme.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Activities to extend learning at home

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety

Childline – under 12's

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)

www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

"The workshop was amazing. The volunteers were really informative, it was age appropriate and the booklets allowed the children to think carefully about the people they can turn to for help. All staff and pupils involved in our workshops really enjoyed them and got a lot out of them it has started conversations and given children the courage to start speaking out about things they are not happy about, we really appreciate the professional and engaging way these workshops were delivered!" (Local Primary School)

I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Doody
Headteacher