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Dear Parent/Carer

NSPCC Speak out. Stay safe. Programme

The NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme is visiting our school to make sure our children 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; a nationwide project 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 Years 1 – 4 on **Thursday 4th October, 2018.**

As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. I am delighted to say that our school has chosen to support their valuable work by taking part in a fundraising event and I would really value your support and encouragement. 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 the NSPCC's 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 that have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we are convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like any more information about the **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme, please feel free to come in to school to speak to me or visit the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/speakout

Talking PANTS 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 'Talk PANTS', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning 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

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/parents

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Claire Bates
Headteacher



"NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems." Child's feedback
"My daughter thought the volunteers were fantastic, really real people, very warm and friendly." Sally, Prestatyn