Dear parent/carer,

**The NSPCC’s *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme is visiting our school on Monday 5th March** as part of 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 the children in our school.

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

Through a child-friendly, interactive assembly the staff and volunteers will deliver the information in an engaging style, with a softness that enables the children to feel safe and empowered. All the presentations are interactive, motivating and uplifting for the children, helping to ensure they retain the important safeguarding messages.

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.

**"This service provides important information in a child-friendly way – it should be made mandatory in all schools. A brilliant service!" *Teacher, Wistaston Primary, Crewe***

**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’. 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/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/**

Yours sincerely,

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