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Dear Parent/Carer,

**NSPCC's Speak Out. Stay Safe  
Thursday 06 October 2018**

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 Thursday 06 October 2018. 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 will be presenting an assembly and workshop to the children in our school.

**"NSPCC has helped me to build the confidence to tell people about my worries and problems." Child's feedback**

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

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their 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 ('privates are private' for the KS1 assembly), using age appropriate 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 are 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**

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](http://nspcc.org.uk/schools) or please come into speak to me and I can provide 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 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 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](http://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/](http://nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sinead Walsh'.

**Sinead Walsh, Designated Safeguarding Lead & SFLW**



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