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Dear Parent/Carer,

Visit from the NSPCC

I write to let you know that we will once again be working with the NSPCC who will be delivering their **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme in our assemblies on Wednesday 6th June 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 to all the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. We will support their work by subsequently taking part in a fundraising event (details will be sent after the assembly presentation), as well as donating our Ascension Service collection to them.

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

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops NSPCC's specially trained staff and volunteers will give the 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, using appropriate child-centred language.

I have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and am assured that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. Teachers and I will attend the assemblies and workshops alongside them.

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 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 helps to encourage conversations about staying safe – and, as you are aware, they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the



conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule' booklet, which we have already issued to you. This is a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse using appropriate language. This is revisited in a regular half-termly assembly delivered by me.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Evans" with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Alison Evans
Headteacher