

14th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,



RE: NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online programme

We are pleased to tell you that this term we will be participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online** programme. This consists of an online assembly, which will take place on Monday 17th January and supporting classroom-based activities. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages are delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec. However, if during the assembly or follow up activities, a staff member became concerned for a child's welfare, or has concerns by something a child says, we will follow our school's safeguarding procedures.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we aim to help children feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

The NSPCC would like to gather pupil feedback about the online assembly in order to gauge their understanding about the key messages of speaking out and staying safe.

This will be completely voluntary, and children can still take part in the programme, even if they don't take part in the survey. If you have agreed that your child can take part in the survey, but your child changes his or her mind on the day, that is also okay.

All survey returns will be anonymous and confidential. However, if in the process of completing the survey e.g. through something a pupil said, a teacher became concerned for a pupil's welfare we will follow our school's safeguarding procedures.

- ❖ If you would like your child to take part in the survey you do not need to do anything.

- ❖ However, if you **do not** want your child to take part in the survey please sign the slip below and return it to the school office, prior to the date of the assembly.

Adapted assembly for home use

The NSPCC has also developed an adapted version of their assembly for parents/carers to use at home with their children. This can be found here: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/safety. With the help of celebrities, the film focuses on how a child can get support if they have any worries or concerns.



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To complement the assembly, there are some resources that can be used to enable further discussion whilst doing activities with your children. These are hosted on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/activities.

Childline Under 12's Website

Childline also have a website with age appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at www.childline.org.uk/kids. 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 www.nspcc.org.uk/parents.

Talking PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides a simple but valuable rule that can help keep your child safe. You can find out more and download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants. Penguin and Ladybird have partnered with the NSPCC to create a brand new Pantosaurus book aimed at children ages 4 - 8. **You can find copies of the new book on sale, either in Matalan's selected stores and online, selected SPAR stores or at <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/>.** All profits from the sale of this book will support the NSPCC.

Support the NSPCC

You may be interested in the NSPCC's new selection of BUDDY goodies available from the NSPCC shop at <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/collections/buddy> which make perfect gifts for children - and all profits go to help keep children safe.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Callaway
Headteacher

I do not consent to *(Name of pupil)*

participating in the completion of the NSPCC Pupil Survey following the delivery of the **Speak out. Stay safe.** online assembly.

Signed:

Parent/Carer

Date: _____