



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017

### NSPCC assemblies for Reception – Year 6

Dear Parents and Carers,

**The NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.** The NSPCC will visit Alban Wood on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June to lead assemblies for children in Reception to Year 6. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands. They will then return on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June to lead workshops for Year 5 and Year 6 linked to all aspects of keeping safe including e-safety.**

As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. As a result next half term we will participate in a fundraising project to support the excellent work of the NSPCC – more information to follow after the assemblies and workshops.

#### **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, without using scary words or adult language. We have looked at the content of the materials and are confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children.

#### **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/)

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.

Yours sincerely,

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