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NSPCC Speak out, stay safe – Assembly & Workshops

Dear parent/carer,

On Thursday 22nd March 2018 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.

I'm pleased to tell you that we will be working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who'll be delivering their '**Speak out, stay safe**' programme on Thursday 22nd March 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'll be presenting an assembly to the children in our school as well as a workshop for Years 5 and 6.

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

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 viewed the content of the materials and are aware that the programme has been delivered to other Flintshire schools. By the end of their visit, we hope 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 or please come into school and look at the resources yourself (FP Assembly, KS2 Assembly or Year 5/6 Workshop material).

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

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,

Mr B. Griffiths
Headteacher

Please delete as appropriate and return to the school office if appropriate by Monday 19th March

If you would like to look at the resources being used in either the Foundation Phase Assembly, Key Stage Two Assembly or the Year 5/6 workshop, please contact the school office and arrange a suitable time to call in.

If you do not wish your child to participate in the assembly or workshop (Workshops are for Year 5/6 children only) then please sign below and **return this form to the school office by Monday 19th March 2018.**

I, the parent/carer of _____ **do not wish** my child to participate

in the Foundation Phase Assembly / Key Stage Two Assembly / Year 5/6 Workshop.

Signed _____