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## RE: NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am 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 and supporting classroom based activities. 'Speak out. Stay safe.' is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. 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.

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're convinced children will 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](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout) or we would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

### Additional resources

#### Adapted assembly for home use

The NSPCC has also developed some resources that can be used at home to enable further discussion whilst doing activities with your children. These are hosted on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/activities](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/activities).

#### Online safety hub

You may also like to visit the NSPCC [Online Safety Hub](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety-hub) where you will find advice and information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing nudes, parental controls and more.

You will also find online safety information for families of children with additional needs and disabilities. The NSPCC have worked with Ambitious about Autism, and with parents and



carers who have children with additional needs and disabilities, to create activities to help talk about online safety. You can find this at [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send).

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants).

Penguin and Ladybird have partnered with the NSPCC to create a Pantosaurus book aimed at children ages 4 - 8. **You can find copies of the book on sale, either in Matalan's selected stores and online, 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,

Mr I Horner and Mrs K Salter



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