

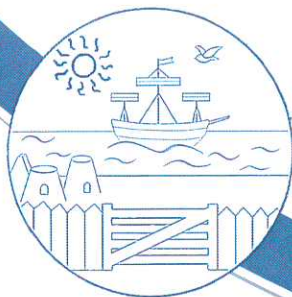
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Dear Parent/Carer

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 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017.*** 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 for Years 1, 2 and 3 and another for Years 4, 5 and 6, as well as workshops for Years 5 and 6 being held in March 2017.

### **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. By the end of their visit, we are convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

### **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'. 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 would 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/)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Green'.

**Mr Matthew Green**  
Headteacher