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Dear parent/carer,

I am 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 15th November**. 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 two assemblies to the children in our school, one for KS1 and one for KS2.

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

What is the 'Speak out Stay safe' programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive age appropriate assemblies and workshops, specially trained staff and volunteers will give our pupils 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. There are then additional workshop sessions taking place for Year 5 pupils, and a separate workshop for Year 6. These are on **Thursday 22nd November** and class teachers will also be present in class.

We have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of their visit, we're convinced 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

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/

To help raise money to support the excellent work NSPCC, we will be having an in-house sponsored activity afternoon on **Friday 23rd November**. Pupil Council will be helping to choose the activities, with their classmates. All proceeds made through sponsorship, will be presented in an NSPCC assembly on Thursday 29th November.

Thank you for supporting us in helping all Clutton children to feel safe and stay safe.

Regards,
Miss Ennew

