



Monday 24th January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

RE: NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online programme

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. 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.

The *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages are delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy.

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.

Feedback - NSPCC pupil online survey

The NSPCC would like to gather pupil feedback about what the children are learning in order to gauge their understanding about the key messages of speaking out and staying safe.

This will be completely voluntary and children can still take part in the programme, even if they don't take part in the survey. All survey returns will be anonymous and confidential. However, if in the process of completing the survey e.g. through something a pupil said, a teacher became concerned for a pupil's welfare we will follow our school's safeguarding procedures.

v If you would like your child to take part in the survey you do not need to do anything.

v However, if you **do not** want your child to take part in the survey please follow this link to let us know: <https://forms.gle/15UW8bAMGiNjRzn26>

Adapted assembly for home use

The NSPCC has also developed an adapted version of their assembly for parents/carers to use at home with their children. This can be found here: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/safety. With the help of celebrities, the film focuses on how a child can get support if they have any worries or concerns.

To complement the assembly, there are some resources that can be used to enable further discussion whilst doing activities with your children. These are hosted on the NSPCC website www.nspcc.org.uk/activities.



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.

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.

Talking PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep your child safe from sexual abuse which children in younger groups will be learning about. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides a simple but valuable rule that can help keep your child safe.

PANTS stands for:

- Privates are private
- Always remember your body belongs to you
- No means no
- Talk about secrets that upset you
- Speak up, someone can help

You can find out more and download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

If you have any questions for me you can contact me at the usual school number or email me at ctrehwella@sunnyhill.lambeth.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Claire Trehwella".

Claire Trehwella

Deputy Head and Leader of Inclusion