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Dear Parents and Carers,

NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* and PANTS programme October 2024

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe. and PANTS Programme*** this term (during the week beginning 7th October 2024). *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline. Developed with children, parents, carers and teachers, Talk PANTS is here to help children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell a safe adult they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried.

These child-friendly programmes are aligned with the curriculum and consists of age-appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom based activities which we have reviewed. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout. If you would like to know more about the PANTS programme, visit <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

Feedback survey for pupils aged 7-11

The NSPCC would like to gather feedback from pupils aged between 7-11 about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme to gauge their learning. **This will be voluntary and children can still take part in the programme if they don't take part in the survey.**

- All survey questions are multiple choice and focussed on the programme.
- The survey is anonymous and confidential. However, if in the process of completing the survey, a teacher becomes concerned for a pupil's welfare (e.g., through something a pupil says) we will follow our school's safeguarding procedures.
- If you **do not** want your child to take part in the **survey**, sign the slip below and return it to your child's class teacher.
- If you have agreed that your child can take part in the survey but your child changes their mind on the day, that is also okay.

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Additional NSPCC resources for families to help keep children safe

The NSPCC have shared some important information below on wider NSPCC resources and support to help keep children safe.

Parent/Carer support

Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers.

www.nspcc.org.uk/parents

Activities to extend learning at home

Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe.

www.nspcc.org.uk/activities

Online Safety Hub

For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more.

www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety

Childline – under 12's

Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content.

www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7)

www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)

Talk PANTS with your children

Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe from sexual abuse. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants.

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I hope you find this information about the NSPCC and the *Speak out. Stay safe.* and PANTS programme helpful. Please do contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'L Towle'.

Mrs L Towle
Headteacher

Parent/carer SURVEY withdrawal form for children aged 7-11 only

I do not consent to (Name of pupil) _____ participating in the completion of the NSPCC Pupil Survey following the delivery of the ***Speak out. Stay safe.*** Programme.

Signed (Parent/Carer) : _____ Date: _____