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Dear parent/carer,

We are pleased to tell you that we are working with the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, who visited our school this week to deliver their **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme. This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK and Channel Islands which helps pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. With the help of their friendly mascot Buddy, they presented an assembly to the children in our school on Thursday and will be following it up with a workshop for Years 5 and 6 next week.

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 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 or please come in to speak to us and we can provide more information.

As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. Which is why we are delighted to say that our school has chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC by taking part in a fundraising event, and we would really value your support and encouragement.

How your children can have fun – and make a massive difference

Our children at Mill Lane will be taking part in a Skipathon and our children at Holt Road will take part in an Obstacle Course (on **Thursday 27th April**) – which will not only be exciting for our pupils but will also mean they're raising money for the NSPCC's vital work *and* helping keep even more children safe.

Participation is purely voluntary but if you would like to support the NSPCC's work, it would be fantastic if you could give your child permission to take part by signing the sponsor form and return the sponsored event form and money raised to school **by Tuesday 2nd May** (please send in earlier if you wish). If you have more than one child in school simply put all your children's names at the top of one



form.

Every child that attended the assembly yesterday received a thank you in the form of a *Speak out. Stay safe.* Buddy sticker. We want them to wear it with pride.

By taking part in the fundraising event they can get different coloured badges. To make it fun and add a friendly challenge they can get four coloured badges depending on the number of individual sponsors that they get to sponsor them.*

You and your children can be proud of the fact that every penny raised makes a significant difference for children. By supporting the NSPCC we can work together to end child abuse.

Yours sincerely,



Tanya Kirton and Tracy Anderson

*As the NSPCC complies with the Institute of Fundraising code, children will get different coloured badge depending on the number of individual sponsors that they speak to as opposed to the amount of money that they raise.