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Dear parent/carer,

The NSPCC's *Speak out, Stay safe* programme is visiting our school on Monday 27th November 2017.

The NSPCC's visit to our school will consist of a 30 minute assembly for children in KS2. Children in Years 3 and 4 will be part of this assembly. Children in Years 1 and 2 will have a separate assembly which will be approximately 20 minutes. The assemblies have been specifically designed for primary school age children and all deliveries are provided in a sensitive and child-friendly way. The assembly will be delivered by NSPCC staff or trained volunteers, with the help of their friendly mascot Buddy. The teachers will be present throughout.

What is the *Speak out, Stay safe* programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies, the NSPCC's 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. The NSPCC Schools Service has shared with us the content of the assembly. We are confident that this is appropriate for our pupils, and reassured by the gentle approach taken.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC ***Speak out, Stay safe*** programme, please have a look at the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools. Alternatively, please email Mrs Butler to arrange a time to come in and speak with her. (lizbutler@lhaines.herts.sch.uk)

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/.

If I DO NOT hear from you I will assume you are happy for your child to attend the assembly.

Yours sincerely,

James Roach
Headteacher

