



Kea Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

NSPCC Speak Out – Stay Safe Programme

I'm writing to inform you that the NSPCC, the UK's leading children's charity, will be delivering their **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme at Kea School this week. 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 assemblies on Friday afternoon – one for YF, 1 and 2 and one for Y3 – 6. Following this, separate workshops will take place for Y5 and 6 pupils on Friday 9 June.

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

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops NSPCC 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, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse ('privates are private' for the KS1 assembly), without using scary words or adult language.

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 www.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 www.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



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which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

Yours sincerely

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