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Dear Parent,

As you know, the NSPCC visited our School today and delivered their *Speak out. Stay safe*. Assembly to share the information with your child about how they can keep themselves safe from harm and get help if they have any worries.

It was a very worthwhile and empowering session for both pupils and teachers. They spoke to the children and staff about the valuable work they do across the country, and talked about how important it is for everyone in our School community to join them in their "fight for every childhood".

## 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 rule of PANTS to teach children that their bodies belong 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/

Yours sincerely,

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