

# FARINGDON INFANT SCHOOL

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**Our Vision for FIS –**

**Future of Faringdon; Including all; Supporting everyone to grow**

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Dear Parents/Carers

## **RE: NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Online programme**

As you may have seen in the newsletter before half term, we are taking part in the NSPCC's Childhood Day on Friday this week, to help raise funds for this incredible charity. The children are invited to wear non-uniform for a donation of £1 (or more, if you should wish). You can make your donations via ParentPay.

We are also taking the opportunity on Friday, for children in Reception, Year One and Year Two to participate in the **NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* online** programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom-based activities.

*Speak out. Stay safe* is a safeguarding programme available to all primary schools in the UK and Channel Islands. It aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly, interactive way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

This year, the NSPCC have developed an online version of their *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme to help overcome some of the challenges that the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has presented in relation to having external speakers in school. In the online assembly, the *Speak out. Stay safe.* messages continue to be delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of their mascot Buddy as well as special guest appearances from Ant and Dec.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for infant school aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme you can find information on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout) or I would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.

## **Talking PANTS with your children**

'Talk PANTS' is 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](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants).

**SAFEGUARDING: Faringdon Infant School is committed to protecting children and promoting their welfare.**

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### Childline Under 12's Website

Childline also have a website with age-appropriate advice for primary school children on topics such as bullying. It also has games and other interactive tools. Your child can visit it at [www.childline.org.uk/kids](http://www.childline.org.uk/kids). 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 [www.nspcc.org.uk/parents](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/parents).

### Support the NSPCC while you shop

You may also be interested in the NSPCC's new selection of BUDDY goodies available from the NSPCC shop at <https://shop.nspcc.org.uk/collections/buddy> which make perfect gifts for children - and all profits go to help keep children safe.

Yours sincerely,

*Mrs Sally Robins*

Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

