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Dear Parent/Carer

As you know, the NSPCC visited our school last week and delivered their ***Speak out. Stay safe*** assembly to share 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'.

That's why we're raising money to help the NSPCC's work in schools

I am delighted to say that our school has chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC this term by taking part in a fundraising event, and I would really value your support and encouragement.

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

Children will be doing a workout in P.E– 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 sponsor your child and return the sponsored event form and money raised to school by 02/05/18.

Every child that attended the assembly will receive a thank you in the form of a *Speak out. Stay safe*. Buddy sticker and all children who take part in the ***workout*** will receive a colourful Buddy badge. We want them to wear it with pride.

And 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.

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children



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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/

Yours sincerely

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