

# Upham Primary School

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Dear Parents of Children in Years 5 & 6,

You will remember I wrote on the Newsletter a few weeks ago that children across the school watched the on-line virtual assemblies from the NSPCC presented by Ant & Dec regarding the 'NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe' support. This valuable resource introduces, in an age appropriate manner, how to share any concerns children have with the trusted people around them.

Next Tuesday, children in Years 5 & 6 will participate in an hour-long workshop with an NSPCC facilitator (school staff being present throughout). This workshop will take this grounding from the virtual assembly further and the facilitator will talk to the children about abuse, including bullying, how to recognise the signs of abuse and how they might protect themselves from it.

This is not intended to be alarmist in any way. It is however, a sad truth that whilst our children benefit from a nurturing, caring environment here, the reality they may face when they leave us and continue on in life, is that they could find themselves in different, more challenging circumstances with people from different walks of life. We want to ensure that our children are emotionally prepared and resilient whilst confident and independent enough to act on what they understand to be wrong. We all want to shield our children from abuse but without talking about it, we cannot hope to ensure children learn to recognize it and protect themselves. This partnership with the NSPCC is a key component of our curriculum in teaching the children about safeguarding themselves. I would also encourage you to talk to your child about some of the messages they have learned to reinforce their understanding.

I am sure you will agree that an organization with the standing and integrity of the NSPCC also have the best interests of children at heart. The materials, the language and resources used and the general approach to how the types of abuse are communicated is of high quality and I have complete confidence that a sensitive, non-threatening manner with age-appropriate language will be used throughout. School staff will always be present throughout and would be available to support a child if they were, for example, to disclose a concern in response to the workshop.

Please find attached to this email an introductory letter from the NSPCC themselves which contains further information and links to other support materials.

I hope you feel, as I do, that your child would benefit from this workshop. If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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