



## Bessemer Grange Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As you know, the NSPCC visited our school today 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'.

However, as a charity, they can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters.

### **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 taking part in a ***Sponsored Bounce*** 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 give your child permission to take part by signing the sponsorship form and returning it and any money raised to the school office by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June. If you have more than one child in school simply put all your children's names at the top of one form. Please also remember, if you can gift aid your donation to include your name, address and postcode and tick the gift aid box.

To say thank you and remind them of the important message they heard, every child that

attended the assembly today has received a *Speak out. Stay safe.* Buddy sticker. After the fundraising event has taken place at school, the NSPCC will return to deliver a special thank you assembly where the important messages the children heard are re-iterated and where the school will be told how much money was raised. **Every** child will also receive a special Buddy Thank You badge on the day of this final assembly.

But more than that, they can also be hugely proud that every penny they have raised will make a significant difference for children. By supporting the NSPCC we can work together to end child abuse.

### Talking PANTS 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 'Talk PANTS', 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](https://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 [spcc.org.uk/parents](https://spcc.org.uk/parents)

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Yours sincerely,

Kamala Dodd

PSHE Coordinator

