

**Saltford** CofE Primary School Headteacher: Dawn Sage Chair of Governors: Paul Cummings

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Dear Parents,

At Saltford School we regard the safety of our children and staff as paramount and ensuring this remains our highest priority. We believe it is every child's right to be taught how to protect themselves in a range of different situations, giving them a dialogue to explain their rights and if, on any occasion, they feel these have been violated. This term, in your child's PSHE lessons, we will be refamiliairising them with the work of the NSPCC, and introducing them to their work called <u>PANTS</u> on preventing abuse.

A requirement of your child's PSHE curriculum at Key Stage One is that they 'know the name for the parts of the body (including external genitalia)' and this also supports appropriate discussions about certain types of abuse in addition to biology work in science. As a child's education is a partnership between parents and the school we would like to set out how we aim to tackle this sensitive topic.

The children will undertake activities from the NSPCC <u>PANTS</u> initiative (the link will take you directly to the website which will provide you with an overview of what will be discussed) and, within lessons, clarity of 'private parts' will be given through discussion of the names for both female and male genitalia, using the anatomical terminology of:

- Male: penis, testicles
- Female: vagina, breasts
- Both: bottom, nipples

presented to the children in the context of these being the words you would use to describe those body parts to a doctor.

By remaining consistent with the language used, we hope to avoid confusion for the children and give them a clear vocabulary for these types of discussions. If this is something you would like to discuss further, please do contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Key Stage One Team.

