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. During the year, in your child’s PSED lessons, we will be using the guidance from the NSPCC, and introducing them to their EYFS work called Talk Pants on preventing abuse campaign. This booklet helps parents have simple conversations with their children that can help keep them safe from abuse. It’s specially created for parents of early years and primary school children, with engaging and age-appropriate messages.

In KS 1 the children will receive more formal lessons through PSHE teaching however, we feel it is very important to start these conversations as early as possible, with the child’s main care providers.

Talk PANTS centres on five key rules:

• Privates are private.

• Always remember your body belongs to you.

• No means no.

• Talk about secrets that upset you.

• Speak up, someone can help.

Although some parents may feel this is a sensitive area to discuss with their child, we feel that sharing messages such as these with children at an early age can be very beneficial in helping to protect your child. Research from the NSPCC also suggests that the messages are most valuable when taught at a young age.

We hope you find this booklet useful – for more information about the campaign go to nspcc.org.uk/pants

Yours sincerely,

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