

TESSE EVALUATION OF SPEAK OUT STAY SAFE – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF YEAR 3 AND YEAR 6 PUPILS

WHAT IS THIS RESEARCH FOR?

You may remember that six months ago your child completed a survey in school for the NSPCC's TESSE study. The TESSE research is exploring the impact of Speak Out Stay Safe on children's learning about bullying and other forms of abuse. Overall, approximately 90 schools across the United Kingdom are taking part in this evaluation. For more information, please see: <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/services/speak-out-stay-safe/>

We are now repeating the survey with year 3 and year 6 pupils in order to see if there has been any change in children's knowledge and understanding in the last six months.

WHO IS DOING THE RESEARCH?

We are an independent team of researchers based at several UK Universities, led by the University of Central Lancashire (UCLan, England).

My name is Farwa Batool I am a research associate at the University of Central Lancashire, and I am overseeing the research in your child's school. The research has been approved by both the NSPCC's and UCLan's Ethics Committees.

DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO TAKE PART IN THE RESEARCH?

No. Children's participation in the research is completely voluntary. Even if you give your agreement for your child to take part, they can decide on the day if they don't want to participate. There are no right or wrong answers and your child will be able to change their mind about taking part at any time.

IF MY CHILD TAKES PART, WHAT WILL THEY DO?

We are asking children to complete a short age-appropriate activity book in class about their understanding of issues such as bullying and abuse and how to seek help. The activity book will be completed on the school's computers/ on a tablet. Children in Year 6 will also be asked about their feelings and well-being. The activity book will be completed within one lesson. This will be the final opportunity for your child to take part.

HOW CAN I AGREE FOR MY CHILD TO TAKE PART IN THE TABLET-BASED ACTIVITY BOOK?

If you would like your child to take part in completing an activity book, you do not need to do anything. However, if you **DO NOT** want your child to take part in this activity please email or telephone the school by **29th September 2020**. We will assume that you are happy for your child to take part unless the school hears otherwise.

WHAT IF I WANT TO CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT THEIR PARTICIPATION LATER?

You can withdraw your consent up to **19th October 2020**. If you decide to withdraw your consent, please contact the school by that date.

WILL INFORMATION BE CONFIDENTIAL?

All information will be anonymous and confidential. The only exception to this would be if we discover that a child is at risk of harm, in which case we will inform the school in line with NSPCC procedures.

HOW WILL INFORMATION BE USED AND STORED?

Your child and your child's school will not be identified in any publications or reports. We will be providing each child with a unique ID code and no names will be attached to the activity books. We will store information securely in password protected files at the University for 5 years in accordance with the University guidelines, after which time it will be destroyed. All paper copies will be stored in locked cabinets.

The NSPCC considers the lawful basis for holding and using personal data for this research is that we have legitimate interests in doing so. This is because personal data is necessary for this study, which we believe will lead to important learning and because we will do it safely and securely.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I HAVE A COMPLAINT?

If you wish to make a complaint about any part of this evaluation, you can speak to any member of NSPCC staff. You can also call the NSPCC Supporter Care team on 020 7825 2505 or e-mail supportercare@nspcc.org.uk Tell them you are contacting them about the TESSE Evaluation. Or you can contact Professor Nicky Stanley, the Lead Researcher, University of Central Lancashire, at: nstanley@uclan.ac.uk or the University's ethics officer at ethicsinfo@uclan.ac.uk.

WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TESSE EVALUATION?

If you are unsure about anything or would like to know any more about the project, please contact Farwa Batool at the address below. You may also contact us following on from the study to obtain a summary of the findings. This should be available early in 2021.

Thank you for taking the time to read this

Kind regards,

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