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Dear Parents,

At Samarès School we are committed to working with parents and the wider community to support every child in our school. The safeguarding and welfare of all children at Samarès School is of paramount importance and it is vital that school and parents work together. As you may be aware, each month, we will send a short update around a specific welfare issue with resources to support you as parents. For this month, our theme is **bullying**.

Bullying is an emotive subject due to the varying experiences we all have of bullying. At Samarès School we are committed to tackling bullying and have clear policy and procedures that sets out how we deal with a claim of bullying. This can be viewed on our school website through the following link:

<https://www.samares.sch.je/attachments/download.asp?file=94&type=pdf>

I would like to draw your attention to a few parts of the policy in particular:

Firstly, the procedures for reporting and recording bullying on **page 5**. There is a section here for parents which outlines what you can do if you feel your child is being bullied or is bullying others. On **page 7** you can view a flowchart of actions that will happen if any allegation of bullying is made.

Secondly, it is important that as a school community, we all understand what bullying is and what it isn't. This is very difficult, as the definition of bullying can vary, and can easily become subjective. Not all acts of aggression can be class as bullying, and this is why we always investigate every allegation of bullying and encourage an open dialogue with parents to help work through the situation. At Samares School, in line with the Education Department policy, we define bullying as:

"Bullying is a subjective experience and could take many forms. To be classed as a bullying act the perpetrator needs to have a social and pre-meditated awareness that the act is malicious and will cause physical and/or emotional harm."

We recognise that children who bully are often doing so as a 'social problem-solving tool'. It is therefore of vital importance to change a child's need to bully. At Samarès School we are committed to working with all our pupils to support their individual needs – for both the child who has been bullied, and the child who has bullied.

Further resources to support can be found on this link <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/my-child-is-being-bullied-what-can-i-do> - there is a short video and some suggestions for parents who feel their child is being bullied.

Please do get in touch if you would like further advice or support or would like to report a safeguarding concern to us.

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Many thanks,

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