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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.

This month the theme is around supporting children through friendship issues and encouraging them to solve problems.

As a parent, it is natural to have strong feelings about your child's friendship issues. How we support our children, both at school and at home, in managing these is important to develop children's skills to support them in life.

At school we have pupils trained in Peer Mediation, who support children in conflict resolution and helping their peers solve problems. This is a great way of helping children have a sense of ownership, whilst giving them the skills and opportunity to resolve a conflict – with the appropriate support.

We also have a rich PSHE curriculum which is heavily focused on personal development and covers a wide range of issues which include our relationships with others.

At times, children and adults can be concerned that a friendship issues has escalated to becoming a bullying issue. We have a robust bullying policy to help manage these situations which can be found on our website here: <https://www.samares.sch.je/page/?title=Bullying&pid=75>. We take all allegations of bullying very seriously and urge you to be in touch if you have any concerns.

At home, it can be really challenging to know how to support your child through a friendship issue – as it often a very emotional experience for all involved. The following link offers some practical advice and guidance to support you as parents in this: <https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/article/my-child-has-friendship-issues>

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the team if you would like further information or support.

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Many thanks,

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