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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. If there is any area which you feel additional resources or support would be useful, please do get in touch.

Following May's theme of Sleep, the theme for the **month of June is Online Safety.**

This follows an E-Safety assembly the children had before half term. It is really important you are aware of how your children are using the internet and devices at home and that they trust you to talk about if/when they see or hear something that is upsetting.

It is also vitally important that as parents and staff we are up-to-date with the apps, games and videos that children are accessing and that we are aware of age restrictions and content to help keep children safe online.

There is a page on our new website dedicated to Keeping Safe Online, under the [Safeguarding tab](#) - A copy of this letter and letters from previous months can also be found here.

**Please see the following links to resources which may be of some help:**

Setting boundaries for screen time and managing what children can view online:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/screen-time/resources/>

The NSPCC has lots of resources to support you in talking to children about online safety, setting up parental controls on devices and online well-being. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

If your child is aged 5 and under - <https://www.getsafeonline.org/personal/articles/under-5/>

If your child is aged 6-9 - <https://www.getsafeonline.org/personal/articles/6-to-9/>

If your child is aged 10-12 <https://www.getsafeonline.org/personal/articles/10-to-12/>

Please do get in touch if you would like further advice or support, or would like to report a safeguarding concern to us. You can use our new school website to Report a Concern by clicking [here](#) –or you can speak to one of the Safeguarding team (details below).

There is also the Children and Families hub – email [childrenandfamilieshub@gov.ie](mailto:childrenandfamilieshub@gov.ie) or phone 519000.

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Many thanks,

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