



**SAMARÈS SCHOOL**  
School Road, St Clement  
Jersey, JE2 6TG

Telephone: 01534 735415  
Email: [admin@samares.sch.je](mailto:admin@samares.sch.je)

**Head Teacher: Mrs Jenny Posner**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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. Each month we send a short update around a specific welfare issue with resources to support you as parents.

Our theme for this month is **keeping children safe online – smartphones.**

You may have already seen, Channel 4 have recently produced a documentary about children's use of smartphones. The documentary features a group of children who give up their use of smartphones for 3 weeks, and also documents Emma and Matt Willis in learning more about the impact that smartphone use is having on children and young people.

For those who have watched it, I am sure you will agree, that it is hard watch and a very emotive documentary, but also has an incredibly important message that as school and as parents we are aware of. I believe the documentary isn't on Channel 4 On Demand for long, so thought for this month's welfare newsletter I would share a link to the 2-part documentary – <https://www.channel4.com/programmes/swiped-the-school-that-banned-smartphones>

Please do get in touch with a member of the team if you have any concerns about your child's use of online technology. We continue to teach children how to safe online through our PSHE and Computing curriculum, but it is important we work together to safeguard our children. We can signpost resources that can help establish positive routines and boundaries at home around the use of technology if this would be helpful to you.

With best wishes,

Mr Lumley  
Deputy Headteacher