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### **Dear Samares Parents and Guardians,**

I hope this message finds you well. As Chair of the Samares PTA, I wanted to take a moment to update you on our progress and share our plans moving forward.

Since revamping the PTA last year, we have raised an incredible **£2,600 in 2024**, most of which was generated in the last term alone. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our events and initiatives—your contributions are making a real difference. We have already donated **£800 towards the OPAL area**, helping to create a richer outdoor experience for our children.

It's important to remember that the funds raised by the PTA directly **reduce pressure on the school's budget**. Every penny we generate goes back to the students, allowing us to provide additional resources, organise special events, and support key areas of need. For example, the PTA **covers the majority of the Year 6 leavers' event**, ensuring that our children can celebrate their time at Samares in a meaningful way.

Our school is proudly inclusive, which means that much of its allocated budget is spent on essential staffing and resources to support all children. As school budgets must be spent within the year, the **more we can raise through the PTA, the more we can ease financial strain on the school and provide additional opportunities for our students**.

### **Upcoming Events & Feedback**

This term, we are excited to be hosting a **Family Bingo Night and a Car Boot Sale**. We appreciate the feedback received regarding the car boot and understand comparisons have been made to more established events at Le Rocquier and St. Peter's. However, as a **newcomer to the car boot world**, we are still refining our approach. The fees we charge are necessary to cover event costs and ensure these activities remain worthwhile.

### **Volunteers Needed**

One of the biggest challenges we face is securing enough volunteers to run events effectively. The **current PTA committee consists of full-time working parents** who dedicate their time to fundraising for the benefit of all children at Samares. We kindly

ask for your **support in any way you can**—whether through volunteering at an event, helping with organisation, or simply attending and participating.

If you would like to **volunteer and be part of the PTA team**, please email us at **samarespta@gmail.com**. Your support is vital to ensuring the continued success of our events and fundraising efforts.

Our goal is to **build a strong, vibrant PTA community** that enhances school life for all our children. Every bit of support makes a difference, and together, we can continue to raise essential funds while creating fun and engaging experiences for students and families alike.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

**Best**

**Lisa McCabe**  
**Chair of Samares PTA**