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Dear Principal,

**Re: Addressing Bullying in Schools: Parent, Carer and Pupil Information Resources**

Following collaboration with over 100 schools throughout the region, the EA Addressing Bullying in Schools Implementation Team (ABSIT) has developed resources for use with children and young people, and to share with parents/carers. **Display on digital screens, as posters etc. and share widely.** These are being launched to coincide with Anti-Bullying Week and provide information on:

- The legal definition of bullying type behaviour and the difference between this and other socially unacceptable behaviour.
- School support for children, young people, and their families in line with the Addressing Bullying in Schools Act (NI) 2016.
- Advice for parent, carers and pupils regarding how bullying type behaviour is identified and supported in schools.
- Signs that a pupil could be experiencing bullying type behaviour and signposting to further support.

Please use the following link to access these resources:

<https://www.eani.org.uk/schoolmanagement/policies-and-guidance/addressing-bullying-in-schools-act-2016/bullying>

Last year ABSIT conducted a stakeholder survey which identified the need for clear information for children and their parents/carers on the Addressing Bullying in Schools Act (NI) 2016.

As you are aware, the legislation commenced in September 2021 and detailed guidance and training material for school staff is available on the EA website:

Education Authority resources on Addressing Bullying in Schools Act 2016

<https://www.eani.org.uk/school-management/policies-and-guidance/addressing-bullying-in-schools-act-2016/information-for>

ABSIT provide advice and support to schools on effective prevention and responses to bullying type behaviour concerns on request. Additionally, this year we have worked with several post primary area learning communities, primary clusters, and SEN schools to co-develop further training and resources which will be available later this academic year.

I hope the resources attached help your staff establish with pupils and parents/carers, a shared understanding of bullying type behaviour and approaches to address this. We are happy to receive feedback from schools regarding this material alongside requests for further resource requirements.

Yours sincerely,



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