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**Abbey Community College Anti-Bullying Week – *Bí Cineálta / Be Kind***

Dear Parents / Guardians,

This week, Abbey Community College is supporting national **Anti-Bullying Week**. As always, we encourage a positive environment for students and staff, which in turn allows students' academic achievement to evolve. The core principles of respect and responsibility underpin Abbey Community College's approach to promoting positive behaviour and maintaining mutually respectful relationships between school community members.

Each day, we will be raising awareness on what bullying is, how to report it, and the support for those affected by it. We will be posting daily resources in student *Year Group Teams* and also highlighting useful resources for parents/guardians on our social media pages. We ask that you discuss the topic of Bullying with your child at home, in particular, online bullying and how you, as a family can safeguard your child from it.

Our current Anti-Bullying Policy and associated activities promote respectful relationships across the school community. However, it is now an opportune time to inform you that this academic year, we will re-shape our current Anti-Bullying policy to align with the Department of Education's new [\*Bí Cineálta\* procedures](#) to prevent and address bullying behaviour.

Consultation with parents, students, staff and the wider school community on this area will commence soon using the wider groupings and focus groups such as the Parents' Association and Student Council. This new policy will then have to be prepared and ratified by our Board of Management in readiness for the start of the 2025/26 school year.

We thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Michelle Jefford  
Principal



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