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Dear JES Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you about the distribution of a new Sexual Violence Prevention Parent Brochure. This brochure provides important information about child sexual abuse, including how to recognize warning signs and how to take preventive steps to protect children.

Purpose of the Brochure

Child sexual abuse is a serious and widespread issue, and many cases go unreported due to fear, shame, or lack of awareness. The goal of this brochure is to empower parents and guardians by providing helpful information to raise awareness and promote informed conversations with children about safety. By partnering together, we can take proactive measures to protect our children.

Why This is Important

The safety and well-being of our students is a priority for our school community. Unfortunately, child sexual abuse is an issue that affects many families, and it is critical that we provide parents and guardians with the knowledge and resources to recognize the signs and take action. Awareness and education are key to preventing abuse and protecting vulnerable children in our communities.

Role of Schools in Prevention

As educators, we play an essential role in preventing and reducing the risk of child sexual violence by providing families with the tools and information they need to safeguard their children. This brochure is part of our broader effort to ensure that our students grow up in a safe, supportive, and healthy environment.

Information Available in Multiple Languages

To make the information accessible to all families, the brochure has been translated into 15 languages. You can access these translations via the QR code on the back of the brochure. If you prefer a printed copy in a specific language, please feel free to request one from the school office, and we will be happy to provide it.

What's Included in the Brochure

The brochure offers easy-to-understand information on child sexual abuse, including how to prevent it, how to recognize signs of abuse, and what to do if you suspect abuse. It also includes practical tips on how to talk to your child about safety, boundaries, and where to find additional resources for support.

Support for Parents and Guardians

We understand that this can be a sensitive topic for many parents and guardians. Our school is here to provide support and additional resources if you have any concerns or questions.

Next Steps

We encourage you to review the brochure and use it as a guide to have ongoing conversations with your child about safety and boundaries. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to the school administration.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter and for your continued partnership in ensuring the safety and well-being of all students.

Sincerely,



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