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*** It is important to consider that while all reports/incidents of any bullying are of importance to us, we can only investigate / act upon when it happens during school time and/or within the school premises/activities.**

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