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Dear Parents/Carer,

Our school continues to be part of Operation Encompass (since 2017) which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. We thought it would be useful to share more details about this again.

Operation Encompass is a process through which schools are informed, before the start of the next school day, if a child or young person has been exposed to domestic abuse. As a school, we have ensured that a trained member of staff, the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and Deputy Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) acts as our 'Key Adults' for Operation Encompass. This enables us to receive and use the information shared, in strict confidence, to provide timely and appropriate support for the children in our care.

We want to make you aware of an important update in the law designed to support children's safety and wellbeing. The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 recognises that children who see, hear, or experience the effects of domestic abuse are victims themselves. This means their needs and experiences are taken very seriously. In May 2024, a new law called The Victims and Prisoners Act was passed. As part of this, Operation Encompass is now written into law. Operation Encompass is a partnership between schools and the police. This means that if the police attend a domestic abuse incident where a child from our school may have been present, they must inform the school before the next school day. This allows us to provide timely care, understanding, and support for the child while they are in school. Our priority is always the safety and wellbeing of every child. Information is shared confidentially and only with key staff so we can respond in the most supportive way.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our children safe.

Mr Paul Prest-Headteacher and Miss Jenny Smith- Deputy Headteacher/DSL