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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to let you know that our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school, we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

On 24 May 2024 Royal Assent was granted to The Victims and Prisoners Act. The Act placed Operation Encompass into Law. This places a statutory obligation on police forces to share Operation Encompass notifications with schools/educational settings.

We are committed to working in partnership to safeguard our children and through Operation Encompass we will be able to provide the best possible care and support to our children.

If you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Davies (Designated Safeguarding Lead), or Mrs Bertoni (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Family Support Worker).

You can also find out more about Operation Encompass via the following website: <http://www.operationencompass.org/>

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. G. Reynolds

Headteacher