

# West View Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school is part of **Operation Encompass** - a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces: it is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024, Royal Assent was granted to The Victims and Prisoners Act. This new Act placed Operation Encompass into law and puts a statutory obligation on police forces to share Operation Encompass notifications with schools.

As a school, we have ensured that our Safeguarding Team have 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: they may see, hear, or experience the effects of abuse at home and/or suffer domestic abuse in their own intimate relationships (teenage relationship abuse), all of which can have a detrimental and long-term impact on their health, wellbeing, development and ability to learn.

If you have concerns that a child or young person is being abused or neglected, or that they may be at risk of harm, please refer to the contact details overleaf:



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West View Primary School	Designated Safeguarding Lead - Miss L. Furness 01429 267466/ 07360096559
Children's Social Care	Children's Hub - 01429 284284 CIVIC Centre Reception - 01429 523032 Emergency Duty Team (out-of-hours only) - 01642 524552
Police/ Law and Order	Emergency: 999 Non-emergency: 101 Anti-terrorist hotline: 0800 789 321

Kind Regards,



Miss L. Furness  
Headteacher

