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Dear Parents and Carers,

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 members of our staff, who are Designated Safeguarding Leads, 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.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

There are sources of help if you are experiencing domestic abuse that can be found here <https://www.uava.org.uk/get-help/> and a helpline number. The Helpline is available Monday – Saturday, 8am to 8pm, 0808 80 20 028.

If you are in an emergency situation, always call the Police on 999 in the first instance, if you then cannot speak, dial 55 for help. This will let the person at the end of the phone know that you are in danger but cannot talk.

UAVA can schedule interpreter calls for a wide range of languages and they are also able to use a BSL interpreter so we are able to provide support if you are deaf or hard of hearing.

If you are, or have experienced domestic abuse or sexual violence, they are here to help. They have specially trained staff who can talk with you confidentially and offer guidance and support tailored to your needs.

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