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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that the school will be taking part in the jointly run operation between Essex Police and our School, this is called Operation Encompass.

This scheme has been designed to provide early reporting to Schools of any domestic abuse incidents that might have impact on a child that attends our School. This approach is used in a number of other places across the UK.

All public agencies currently share information where there are safeguarding concerns or risks of harm to children. Police currently share information on all incidents of domestic abuse in Thurrock with Thurrock Children's Social Care.

To further support the welfare of children this information sharing is being extended. During the school terms, our Designated Safeguarding Lead will now be informed when any domestic abuse incident has been reported to the Police if one of our pupils was in the household.

This has been introduced as we know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they are involved in, present or witness to domestic abuse.

This information will be used to ensure the school is able to provide appropriate support to our pupils. The information will remain **confidential** and only shared on a strictly need to know basis, for example with the class teacher. This will not be shared with any pupils.

We look to offer the best support possible for our pupils and believe that this scheme is going to be beneficial and supportive for all those involved. If you have any concerns, then please contact either the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs V Teager) who will be happy to discuss them with you. Further information about the project can be found on our School website.

Yours sincerely
Mrs N Haslam-Davis
Headteacher

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