

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that Beechwood Primary School continues to participate in a joint operation with West Yorkshire Police, formally known as Operation Encompass.

This initiative has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to, or involved in any domestic abuse incident.

We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, which also negatively affects their learning and behaviour in class. To help mitigate the resulting negative impact, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, the school will now receive a confidential phone call or email from West Yorkshire Police before 9am the morning after a child or young person has been a witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

At Beechwood Primary School, we have a dedicated and child-focused Safeguarding Team who are trained to effectively use the information shared by the Police, in confidence, to provide the right support to any child and their family.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe this initiative will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. More information can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>.

However, if you have any concerns or questions regarding Operation Encompass, please do not hesitate to contact me, and I will be happy to discuss them with you.

Yours faithfully,

Sarah Lanforth

Headteacher

