



What we do today, matters tomorrow.

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have been asked by the Leicester Safeguarding Children Partnership Board to remind you of the following.

All Leicester schools are part of a safeguarding initiative, which aims to improve outcomes for children and families affected by domestic violence and abuse.

This scheme is designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that might have an impact on a child that attends their school. The approach, known as Operation Encompass is used in a number of other places across the UK and is run in partnership with Leicester City Council and Leicestershire Police.

All public agencies currently share information where there are safeguarding concerns or risk of harm to children and the police currently share information on all incidents of domestic abuse in Leicester with Leicester City Council.

To further support the welfare of children this information sharing has been extended. During the school term our Designated Safeguarding Lead is informed when any domestic abuse incident has been reported to the police and one of our pupils was in the household. It will not give any details about the incident.

This initiative was introduced because domestic abuse in a household can have a significant impact on children, even if they did not see what happened.

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

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about domestic abuse, call the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0800 802 0028 or visit <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-community/emergencies-safety-and-crime/domestic-and-sexual-abuse/>

We aim to offer the best support possible for our pupils and believe that this scheme is beneficial and supportive for all those involved. It is used widely throughout the country and is a proven way to support children finding themselves in such situations.

Best wishes

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