

ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Ref: Safeguarding of our students and support for the families

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the scheme which reports to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, all cases when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse and where Police has been involved to support.

As a school, we have ensured that our Safeguarding Team, led by Mrs Tobin as the Designated Safeguarding Lead (known as a Key Adult), has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care when they arrive at school.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse in a home, as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

We are therefore determined to include this aspect of safeguarding children and young people in our work.

If at any point, you would like to seek our support for a challenging situation affecting you and your child/ren – who may be students of our school, as well as other settings – please contact <u>safeguarding@abbotsleaschool.co.uk</u> – we are available 52 weeks a year and are here to help.

Yours sincerely

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