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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to remind you that our school takes part in an operation that is run jointly with Sussex Police.

Operation Encompass has been designed to provide early reporting to schools / colleges of any domestic abuse incidents that occur in which a child was present, ordinarily resides at the incident location or with an involved party. We know that children can be significantly affected through witnessing or being exposed to domestic abuse and this operation will allow us to better support our pupils and their families.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, will be trained to liaise with the police. At Western Road Community Primary School the Key Adults are Irèna Wooler and Louisa Adams. We will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the right support is available should it be required by a child and / or their family.

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

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact Louisa Adams or myself and we will be happy to discuss this further.

Thank you for your continued support.





Irèna Wooler

Designated Safeguarding Lead