Dear Parents/Carers,

Water Mill Primary School is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

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

If we are informed a child has experienced domestic abuse, we are required to have a conversation with them during the school day. We are not looking to pry but are required to fulfill this very important safeguarding obligation if we are informed of a police visit to your premises.

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

Kindest Regards

Mrs C Hoye
Deputy Head Teacher
Operation Encompass Lead