



Lee Brigg Infant & Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run jointly between schools, Wakefield Council and West Yorkshire Police. The project aims to support children who are living in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. Witnessing or even hearing domestic abuse is distressing for a child or young person. They may witness the abuse, overhear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or be subjected to their distress following an incident. They may even be physically hurt themselves trying to prevent the abuse.

The domestic violence and abuse school notification project has been designed to provide confidential notification to schools on any incidents of domestic violence and abuse which occur within a child's household that might have an impact on a child whilst they are in school.

The project will ensure that member(s) of the school staff are trained to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, and ensure that the school is able to make provision and allowances for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence or abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this to be both useful and supportive for all those it may involve. We believe this project demonstrates our school's commitment to the safety and welfare of pupils and their families. In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about this project or require additional information please contact our key adults in school who are Miss Gordon, Miss Kilkenny and Mrs Tutt.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Gordon – Headteacher



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Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss S Gordon - Deputy DSL: Miss L Kilkenny - Safeguarding Governor: Rev B Owen If you are worried a child is at risk of harm please contact either of the above or **Social Care Direct on 01924 303456.**

Copies of the Safeguarding and Child Protection policy can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the website.