



# BALSHAW LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This letter is to inform you/remind you that Balshaw Lane Primary School is part of Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures that a child/young person's school is informed, prior to the start of the next school day, that there has been a domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incident to which the child or young person has been exposed.

Each school is informed of all such incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those which are graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all domestic abuse, vulnerable child, and missing child incidents can be harmful to children and young people.

This information will be shared throughout the year, including holidays and weekends. Information will only be shared with school by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, confidentially, to support the child/ren in our care. In this instance, that Key Adult is myself, Mrs Hodgson, Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. On 24 May 2024 Royal Assent was granted to The Victims and Prisoners Act. The Act placed Operation Encompass into Law. This places a statutory obligation on police forces to share Operation Encompass notifications with schools/educational settings. If you would like to know any more information, you can view it online at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our students and through Operation Encompass we will be able to provide the best possible support for our children.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Hodgson

