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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our 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 see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards or can be physically hurt trying to stop 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 a member of our school staff is 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 is going to be very useful and supportive for all those involved. I believe this project demonstrates our school's commitments to the safety and welfare of our pupils and families. In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact Mrs. Spencer or Mrs. Wakefield.

If you would like further support or information about domestic violence and abuse please go to Wakefield District Domestic Abuse Service - Wakefield Council

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Spencer
Headteacher

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