

West Sussex County Council

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Along with many other schools in West Sussex, Plaistow and Kirdford Primary School has entered in to a partnership with The West Sussex Police Force and become a member of Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is an information sharing system that aims to ensure that children receive support at the earliest opportunity. Currently, when police are called to a domestic incident, initial information is only sent to the West Sussex Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub. Operation Encompass means that designated members of staff at school are also made aware of any incidents.

This information will be shared with schools at the earliest opportunity so that we are able to support any children who may have been affected by the incident as soon as possible.

At Plaistow and Kirdford, all staff receive safeguarding training. The level of training they receive, depends on the staff member's position in school. All staff are trained in how to identify concerns and how to work with children and report those concerns. A number of staff undergo Safer Recruitment Training. Mrs Turner and I have taken the Designated Safeguarding Lead training at Plaistow and Kirdford; this is training that supports us in working with external agencies to work to keep all children safe.

Mrs Turner and I will be the nominated staff who will receive the notifications from Operation Encompass. As part of our training staff are made aware of the needs of highest confidentiality and any information shared with us as part of Operation Encompass will be treated in the same manner as all of our safeguarding practices.

During the training session for Operation Encompass, we were informed by officers from West Sussex that nationally there are over 1 million children living in homes where they are affected by domestic abuse. By taking part in Operation Encompass we will be working with all agencies to ensure that all children in West Sussex have the best support and opportunities to be safe, happy and learning.

More information about Operation Encompass can be found at: www.operationencompass.org

If you have any questions about Operation Encompass, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr King

