

OPERATION ENCOMPASS - DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND ABUSE SCHOOL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Greenmount Primary School is part of a Leeds initiative that runs jointly between schools and West Yorkshire Police. This initiative has been established to support children who are resident in households where there are alleged incidents of domestic violence and abuse. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally hurt by directly witnessing, or indirectly hearing, incidents of domestic abuse.

The *Domestic Violence and Abuse School Notification System* has been designed to provide confidential notification to schools of any alleged domestic abuse incidents which occur within a child's household, as these incidents are likely to have an impact on the child while they are in school.

Notifying the school will ensure that a member of Greenmount Primary School's Child Protection/Safeguarding Team can make provision to support children, or their families, when they have been involved in or witnessed an alleged domestic violence or abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and families and continue to develop a designated support area for victims of domestic abuse on our school website.

If there are any incidences of domestic abuse involving any of our families, the school is informed and we contact those involved to let them know we are aware of the situation and that we are there for help and support if needed.

West Yorkshire Police have provided the following link where perpetrators of domestic abuse can get help and support:

<https://www.leeds.gov.uk/antisocial-behaviour-and-crime/domestic-violence-and-abuse>

You may also find these websites useful:

www.westyorkshire.police.uk/domesticabuse

<https://leedswomensaid.co.uk/>

<https://www.behind-closed-doors.org.uk/>

<https://www.safelives.org.uk>

<https://www.refuge.org.uk>

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>