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Dear Parent/Carer,

Kilburn Grange School will be taking part in a project that is being provided by the Metropolitan Police Service. The project coordinates workings between school professionals and the Metropolitan Police's safeguarding team. As you can appreciate, the safeguarding and wellbeing of all children is extremely important. As a result of an increase in domestic abuse; a project known as 'Operation Encompass' has been formed.

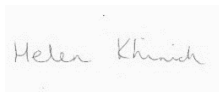
Operation Encompass directly connects the police service with schools to ensure that support is provided for children living with or have been exposed to domestic abuse in their homes. If the police service attends an incident of domestic abuse, the child's school will be alerted. Rapid provision of support within the school environment will enable the child to be better safeguarded against the short, medium and long-term effects of domestic abuse. All police notifications will be sent directly to the school at the start of the next school day.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (Ms Sarah Storey) or one of our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Ms Helen Khinich, Ms Shelina Begum, Ms Amirun Bibi and/or Ms Francine Murray) will liaise with Operation Encompass to ensure the wellbeing and safety of your child. All of these staff members have been trained and you can be confident that all cases will be handled sensitively with the child's best interest at the forefront of any decisions or adjustments that may need to be made.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and believe that working collaboratively with pupils, the Metropolitan Police service and parents will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you would like to discuss domestic abuse with a professional you can call the National Centre for domestic violence who can offer independent advice on 0800 970 2070 or text NCDV to 60777. If you are in immediate risk then it is important that you call 999.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Khinich

Headteacher

