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Dear parents and carers

RELAY Protocol – Domestic Abuse notifications

I have been asked by the local authority to inform you that the school is part of a jointly run scheme between Luton Council, Bedfordshire Police and our School, called RELAY. This local scheme is in response to the national scheme 'Operation Encompass' (www.operationencompass.org).

RELAY has been set-up to help schools provide support to children who may have been affected by incidents of domestic abuse in the home. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they are involved in, present at or witness to domestic abuse.

Under this scheme (RELAY) the school will receive notification from Luton Council following any domestic abuse incidents reported by Bedfordshire Police, where a child in the school may have been affected.

The school has designated Mr Finch, our family worker, as the Key Lead for this scheme. The Key Lead (known as the Nominated RELAY Single Point of Contact or SPOC) has received guidance (RELAY Protocol and associated Information Sharing Agreement) and training from the Council to allow them to use the information that has been shared in confidence and to make sure the right support is available for children and their families.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact the Key Lead or me and we will be happy to discuss this further.

A copy of this letter can be found on the letters page of our school's website

Yours sincerely,

Mr Hunt
Head teacher