



Aylsham High School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces. Encompass has been set-up to help schools to provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic violence. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they are involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school will receive a confidential phone call from the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub before 9am on the morning after any domestic incident where a child at their school has been involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The safeguarding team in school has received Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) training from Norfolk County Council to allow us to use the information that has been shared, in confidence to make sure that the right support is available for children and their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence incident.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

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

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

Yours sincerely

Kathryn Garnham
Deputy Headteacher