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Dear Parent / Carer,

As a school, we wanted to make you aware of an agreed process in Leeds whereby schools and Higher Education establishments are automatically notified where the Police have been called to an address, usually when there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. This process is the Leeds Joint Agency Protocol for Domestic Violence and Abuse: School and Higher Education Notifications (DVA Notifications Process).

The DVA Notification Process has been designed to provide confidential notification to schools on any incidents of domestic violence and abuse which occur within a child's household that might have an impact on a child whilst they are in school. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally hurt by being either present in the house or directly witnessing an incident of domestic violence.

The process will ensure that a member of staff is trained to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, and ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence or abuse incident.

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

If you would like further support or information about domestic violence and abuse please go to [www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk](http://www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk)

Kind regards,

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Safeguarding and Child Protection Lead

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