

Dear Parent/Carer

All Leicestershire Schools have become part of a new safeguarding initiative, which aims to improve outcomes for children and families affected by domestic violence and abuse.

This scheme has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that might have an impact on a child that attends their school. The approach, known as Operation Encompass is used in a number of other places across the UK and is run in partnership with Leicestershire County Council and Leicestershire Police.

All public agencies currently share information where there are safeguarding concerns or risk of harm to children and the Police currently share information on all incidents of domestic abuse in Leicestershire with Leicestershire County Council.

To further support the welfare of children this information sharing is being extended. During the school term our Designated Safeguarding Lead will now be informed when any domestic abuse incident has been reported to the police and one of our pupils was in the household.

This has been introduced because domestic abuse in a household can have a big impact on children, even if they do not see what is happening.

This information will be used to ensure the school is able to provide appropriate support to our pupils. The information will remain **confidential** and only shared on a strictly need-to-know basis, for example with the class teacher. It will not be shared with any pupils.

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about domestic abuse, call the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0800 802 0028 or visit <http://rsb.org.uk/information-for-victims-survivor>.

We look to offer the best support possible for our pupils and believe that this scheme is going to be beneficial and supportive for all those involved. In other areas of the country where it is in place it has been found to be a very effective way of supporting children at a most difficult time.

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Dear Parents and Carers

The staff, Governors and Children spent a lot of time last summer discussing what our vision and values should be as a school. During the autumn term parents evenings we shared these with you and asked you for your contributions as well. We have taken time to reflect on all views expressed and now wish to share with you our renewed vision and values for Rendell Pre-School and Primary School. We hope you will agree that they contain all those key behaviours and skills that are essential in helping your children to develop as individuals, with the right skills to become proud, successful British citizens as they grow up.

Using these values and our knowledge of what the school does well and where it needs to improve, I am also providing you with the key priorities that we as a school are working on this year. Your support is vital in helping us to achieve our targets. You can do this by:

- sharing your views and concerns with us
- reading all correspondence we send home
- ensuring your children come to school every day and on time with the right equipment for all their lessons
- encouraging and supporting your children with homework

Vision and Values

Our new school strap line is

Passionate About Learning

We want our children to:

- Develop a life- long passion for learning
- Be inclusive global citizens
- Be respectful, generous, enthusiastic, creative and resourceful
- Have resilience, determination, confidence and be eager to learn
- Be reflective
- Work collaboratively and be team players

What we need to work on as key priorities are:

- Enrichment of creativity and the arts in the curriculum
- Strengthen a love of maths and reading
- Become stronger more sustained writers
- Promoting and celebrating British values
- Improving our knowledge and use of science, DT and technologies
- Make more use of outdoor space to enhance learning
- Stronger engagement in sporting events and physical activity in school, with increased focus on being healthy
- Develop a 'Growth Mindset' culture and build learning to learn capacity in our children
- Develop self-esteem, independence and resilience in children
- Develop independent thinking, problem solving and team work life skills
- Putting more children on the rainbow
- Improving lunchtimes even more
- Celebrating success through school awards
- General communication across school and with you

I hope that you find this information helpful and that it can help you to help us make Rendell an even better place to grow and learn.