



Safeguarding and Operation Encompass

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Roger Ascham Primary has a Designated Safeguarding Team: Mr Desoer, Ms Alexander, Mr Sadiq, Mrs Desoer, Ms Natai and Mrs Bain. Ms Natai is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Bain is our main Deputy Safeguarding Lead and Learning Mentor. In addition to this, all members of staff, regular volunteers and peripatetic staff or visitors are trained in safeguarding and are able to refer their concerns to the team.

Roger Ascham Primary School has been, and is still part of a multi-agency project between schools in Waltham Forest, Waltham Forest Council and the Police. It is called **Operation Encompass**. Operation Encompass has been implemented to help all schools to provide the appropriate support to children who have been present during an incident of domestic abuse/violence.

Schools will receive a confidential phone call from the police, usually before 10:00am on the morning after any incident involving domestic abuse where the police have had to attend, and children were present or involved.

The Safeguarding Team have received training from Waltham Forest Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) and the Police to allow them to use the information that has been shared in confidence. This ensures that the right support is made available to children and their families who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic abuse/violent incident. We provide different levels of support for children and families within school. This is called RAPS Early Help.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils affected by domestic abuse and/or trauma. Please get in touch should you ever need a referral or signposting to an outside agency or if you feel that your child may require pastoral support.

Further information about this project, **RAPS Early Help** and our **Safeguarding Policy** can be found on the school website on the safeguarding, mental health and wellbeing page. You can also visit the national Operation Encompass website: www.operationencompass.org.

Yours sincerely,

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