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Dear Family

As you know at Dixons Trinity Chapeltown we work with families and the community to keep students safe. Please see the information below from Leeds City Council which we are required to send to all families in our setting.

Leeds Joint Agency Protocol for Domestic Violence and Abuse: School and Higher Education Notifications (DVA Notifications Process) has been established to support children who are residents in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. 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 DVA Notification Process has been designed to provide confidential notification to schools and higher education establishments 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/higher education.

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/higher education establishment is able to make provisions 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 is going to 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

If you are concerned about a safeguarding issue then please speak to Jess Watson or contact DTC_Safeguarding@dixonstc.com.

Yours faithfully

Jess Watson

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