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Safeguarding

Dear Parent/Carer,

Just before the summer break the government updated their guidance on safeguarding within schools with the issue of Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2016. There were significant changes so I have checked that Gateways is compliant and put in place amended or new practises and procedures. As a consequence Gateways Safeguarding and Child Protection policy has been updated to reflect the changes. It is available to download and read on our website and outlines the actions we would take if we had concerns about a child. Click on this link to go to the [policy](#).

I would also like to remind parents/carers that Gateways school is covered by the Domestic Violence Breakthrough Project jointly run by Leeds City Children's Safeguarding Board and West Yorkshire Police. It aims to support children who are resident in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. The domestic violence and abuse school notification system 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. If you would like further support or information about domestic violence and abuse please go to www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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