



Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about Operation Encompass. This is an innovative project in which schools in North Tyneside have participated since June 2016 and is run in partnership with North Tyneside Council and Northumbria Police.

The project aims to support children who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards or can be physically hurt trying to stop the abuse. We are committed to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children and are keen to offer the best care and support possible to all our students and families.

Being a part of Operation Encompass means that following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the police will contact Children's Social Care Front Door service who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff. This will ensure that the school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to.

Each school has members of staff (key adults) who have been fully trained in liaising with the police and Children's Social Care when required and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child following the disclosure of a domestic abuse incident.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact our key adults in school who are Miss Gibson, Miss Martin and Andy. You can also find out more information here <http://www.operationencompass.org>.

Yours faithfully

Miss A Gibson

Headteacher

