



Dear Parent/Carer,

I writing to update you about an important project that our school coupled with other schools in the North West is going to be involved in. We have been given the opportunity to take part in 'Operation Encompass'. We are one of around 220 schools taking part in the Western Trust area. Operation Encompass is a programme between Police and Schools designed with the aim of supporting children who are victims of domestic violence.

Operation Encompass started in England ten years ago and is now coming to Northern Ireland. It is very simple idea, but one that will help us to support and protect vulnerable children. When the Police attend an incident of domestic violence where one of our pupils is present, they will inform the schools designated teacher for child protection at the start of the next school day. This information is shared in strict confidence and school staff are only told on a need-to-know basis.

Operation Encompass is designed to help schools meet the needs of children after the Police have attended a domestic violence incident at their home. This builds on our existing commitment to child safeguarding and the nurturing, compassionate ethos that we provide in school.

If you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Child Protection and Safeguarding Team of our School.

Signed

Mrs.B. Wilders
Principal