

NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council



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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about Operation Encompass. This is an innovative project in which we as an Academy Trust are partaking, it is run in partnership with Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass commenced in January 2017, with the aim to support children and young people 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 by trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the Police will make contact with Children's Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to Designated key staff within the Schools, these staff have been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following the disclosure of a domestic abuse incident.

This will ensure that we are 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. I believe that this project demonstrates our commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and providing the best possible care and support for our students.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact me, Sandra Brown on 01670 816111 or email learnerwelfare@ncea.org.uk

You can also find out more information here <http://www.operationencompass.org/> and <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>

Yours sincerely

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