



Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to share with you that our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new Home Office approved project. It is being led by Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner Dame Vera Baird. Northumbria Police are working in partnership with Barnardo's and Operation Encompass. The project, named Operation Encompass the Next Steps, aims to form part of a wider strategy to break the cycle of Domestic Abuse through education and support.

The project will help all children in Northumbria to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and rules so that they can live and work together safely.

Our school will also benefit from having one of twelve School Safeguarding Liaison Officers who will:

- Work with our teachers to deliver an age appropriate session exploring aspects of Domestic Abuse/friendships /relationships/emotions
- Be available in school at specified times so that both children and parents/ carer's can talk about issues that they may have around relationships and Domestic Abuse.

The Operation Encompass staff will be visiting school at the times and dates below:

- Monday December 16th Secondary afternoon 1.20pm -3.20pm
- Wednesday January 15th Primary morning 8.30am -11.30am
- Tuesday January 28th Primary morning 8.30am -11.30am
- Thursday February 6th Secondary morning 9.00am -11.30am

If parent/carer's would like to speak to the Encompass staff about any issues they have or information they would like with regard to domestic violence and are able to visit during these times, please contact me and I will arrange an appointment for you.

Alternatively I am more than happy to forward your details to the Encompass Staff in order for them to contact you directly.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all of our students and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for children and the whole school community.

Signed

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Helen Freeman
Head PHSCE