













## Dear Parent/Carer,

I am pleased to share with you that all of our Trust schools have 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 and Northumbria Police in partnership with Barnardo's and Operation Encompass. The project, named Operation Encompass: The Next Steps, aims to educate children and young people about healthy relationships.

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

All of our schools 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 friendships /relationships/emotions
- Be available in school at specified times so that children and parents can talk about issues that they may have around relationships

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

More information about dates and times will follow in due course.

Signed

Sandra Brown - Director of Learner Welfare

