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### **Operation Encompass**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that with effect from September 2021, our school will be taking part in a joint operation involving Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham City Council, and West Midlands Police. This will formally be known as **Operation Encompass**.

Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to, or involved in any domestic abuse incident.

We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour in class.

Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school will now receive a confidential phone call or email from West Midlands Police before 9am the morning after a child or young person has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

At our school we have a dedicated and child-focussed Safeguarding Team. They have been specially trained to effectively use the information the police share, in confidence, and enable staff in school to provide the right support to any child and their family.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our children and families and believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

More information can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

However, if you have any concerns or questions regarding Operation Encompass, please don't hesitate to contact me or Mrs Richmond (Designated Safeguarding Lead), and we will be happy to discuss them with you.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs S. Pecheur  
Head Teacher