**Operation Encompass**

I am writing to inform you that we are an Operation Encompass school. Operation Encompass is an early intervention partnership between local Police and our school, aimed at supporting children who are victims of domestic violence and abuse. As a school, we recognise that children’s exposure to domestic violence is a traumatic event for them.

As an Operation Encompass school, when the police have attended a domestic incident and one of our pupils is present, they will make contact with the school at the start of the next working day to share this information with a member of the school safeguarding team. This will allow the school safeguarding team to provide immediate emotional support to this child as well as giving the designated teacher greater insight into any wider safeguarding concerns.

This information will be treated in strict confidence, like any other category of child protection information, and school staff will only be told on a need-to-know basis. All members of the safeguarding team will complete online Operation Encompass training, so they are able to take these calls. This builds on our existing commitment to child safeguarding.

Should you wish to find out more information, please contact the school and ask for an appointment in relation to Operation Encompass. Alternatively, you can read more about this at [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org).

Many thanks,

Mrs Beattie

*Principal*

*Wheatfield Primary and Nursery School*