Dear Parent/Carer,

The school continues to use the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Northumbria Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced, any domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, (DSL) known as a Key Adult (at our school this person is Belinda Athey), is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been experienced a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

In the coming weeks and months, I will be taking part in further training and we also hope to have a named school link who will visit school regularly to support our community. We are also planning to use resources and documents which have been developed in association with Barnados for our RSE/PSHE work. Any changes in our curriculum will be in the school website and as always, I welcome any questions or queries.

Kind Regards,

Belinda Athey.