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Dear Parent/Carer

Operation Encompass is a project run in partnership with Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board, County Council and Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass commenced on 4th March 2019 and aims to support children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing or experiencing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards, or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the police will make contact with Gloucestershire Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, who will then on behalf of the police communicate relevant, necessary and proportionate information to the school. This will ensure that the school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to.

Our school has a designated member of staff who has been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following the notification of a domestic abuse incident.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to provide the best possible care and support for our pupils. If you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact either myself or Mrs Kay Selwyn, Designated Safeguarding Lead. Please be aware that this is a police led project and therefore any complaints that you have regarding this process must be directed through the police complaints process.

For more information visit: <http://www.operationencompass.org/>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>

Yours sincerely,

Tony Larner
Headteacher

Stepping out boldly with God.