



Monday 21st September 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to remind you and to inform any new parents / carers about Operation Encompass...

Burradon Community Primary became an Operation Encompass school in June 2016 as part of an innovative project which schools in North Tyneside are participating in. Operation Encompass is run in partnership with North Tyneside Council and Northumbria Police.

The project supports children who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing 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 trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the Police will make contact with Children's Social Care Front Door service who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff. 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 2 members of staff who have 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 following the disclosure of a domestic abuse incident.

In our school these key adults are:

- Miss Hunter: Designated Safeguarding Lead and Headteacher
- Mrs Liddle: Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Key Stage 1 Manager and Y2 teacher

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children. You can also find out more information here

<http://www.operationencompass.org/>

Yours Sincerely,

Miss A.L.Hunter

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