



Dear Parent / Carer

Since November 2016, our school has taken part in a pilot of a project that ran jointly between Stalybridge schools and Greater Manchester Police. We wrote to parents at this time. This project is called Operation Encompass. It aims to support children who are affected by domestic violence by ensuring that their school is informed. This initiative will be extended on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2019 across all Tameside schools. In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the initiative, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Operation Encompass, is a scheme that will ensure that we can better support any child where a domestic incident has been reported to Police from their home.

Following a domestic incident, the Police will inform a nominated member of staff at the school to notify us that an incident has taken place. This will ensure that we are made aware early enough to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe, supported and listened to.

Each school has a member of staff called the designated Safeguarding lead who is trained to recognise when a child needs support.

The initiative is being rolled out across all Tameside schools. It is a multi-agency project that includes the Police, local schools and the Council. It has been successfully implemented in other parts of the country and has helped schools and parents to help children deal with the impact that domestic abuse in the home can have on them.

You can find out more about Operation Encompass here:

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

We are committed to working in partnership with local relevant organisations to safeguard and protect children in Tameside and to provide the best possible care and support for our pupils.

Yours Sincerely,  
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