

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to tell you that our school will be part of Operation Encompass. This is a joint project with Sussex Police which is due to start after the half term break in November 2018. The project provides early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents involving children (incidents in which a child was present, ordinarily resides at the incident location or with an involved party).

We know that children and young people can be significantly affected through witnessing or being exposed to domestic abuse and this operation will allow our school to better support our children and their families. A nominated member of school staff, known as a Key Adult, will be trained to liaise with the police. Our Key Adult is Ben Patterson. He will be able to use information that has been shared with him, in confidence, to ensure that the right support is available should it be required by a child and/or their family. We are keen to offer the best support available to our children and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Additional information about Operation Encompass is available at www.operationencompass.org

Information about a wide range of local services for families is available at www.familyinfobrighton.org.uk

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact our Key Adult and we will be happy to discuss this further.