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Dear Parent / Carer,

Operation Encompass and Operation Endeavour



I am writing to inform you about Operation Encompass and Operation Endeavour. These are innovative projects which we have participated in for a number of years along with other schools in Northumberland. They are run in partnership with Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass and Endeavour.

Operation Encompass aims to support children who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing domestic abuse is distressing for a child, who often sees the abuse, hears it from another room, sees a parent's injuries or distress afterwards or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse.

Operation Endeavour aims to support children who go missing from home. Children who go missing from home are at risk of significant harm and they may be vulnerable to sexual exploitation, violent crime, gang exploitation, or to drug and alcohol misuse.

Following any domestic abuse incident or an incident of a child going missing that is then reported to the police, they will make contact with Children's Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff. This ensures 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.

Each school has members of staff (key adults) who have been 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 or following their return from a missing episode.



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We believe that these projects demonstrate our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and in providing the best possible care and support for our pupils. You can find out more information using the following links:

<https://www.svf.org.uk/our-federation/safeguarding/operation-encompass>

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

[10-things-Endeavour-09-06-19.pdf \(northumberland.gov.uk\)](#)

Yours sincerely,

Mr R Goodman
Head of School



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