

Draft Letter to Parents

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Operation Encompass

Our (school/academy/college/nursery) has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run jointly between all schools, academies, colleges and nurseries in Stockton-on-Tees and Cleveland Police.

This new project, Operation Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of normal school hours and that might have had an impact on a child attending our premises the following day. This information will be shared at the earliest opportunity between Monday to Thursday and, when an incident occurs on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police will contact us the following Monday.

A nominated member of school staff, known as a key adult, will receive awareness training to enable them to liaise with the police. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that our (school/academy/college/nursery) is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. Information will be shared where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

Operation Encompass was introduced in Plymouth, Devon and Cornwall, in February 2011 and has proved very effective in providing appropriate support in a timely manner. This initiative has already been implemented in Hartlepool and is now being extended across the Cleveland Police area. If you would like some more information about Operation Encompass and the benefits of it, you can view this online at <http://www.cleveland.police.uk/advice-information/OperationEncompass.aspx>

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our children and we believe this initiative is going to be extremely beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Yours sincerely,