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Dear Parent/Carer

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Re: Operation Encompass

I am writing to let you know that we are now an Operation Encompass School. Recent changes in the law now mean that any child who is present or exposed to Domestic Violence or verbal abuse in the home is legally classed as a victim of Domestic Abuse.

When police attend an address and children are present, they will inform the school directly that one of our children is a victim of Domestic Abuse.

Both myself and Mrs Gurbillon (Business Manager) have completed formal training to allow us to take part in Operation Encompass. This means that our school is a safe space for children and their parents/carers.

We can provide advice and support to both children and adults and all conversations are in the strictest confidence.

More information is available at operationencompass.org.

Anyone affected by Domestic Violence can seek support from an organisation called Harbour. They can be contacted at: info@harbour.org.uk or through their 24 hour helpline: 03000 20 25 25.

We will be providing a list of support organisations on our website shortly.

Yours sincerely

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