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**Headteacher: Miss S Reed**

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Operation Compass Letter to Parents**

#### **What is Operation Encompass?**

The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in a domestic abuse incident. Following an incident at home, children will often arrive at school distressed, upset and unprepared for the day.

Sunderland City Council, Northumbria Police and nominated Key Adults in school – Miss Reed and Mrs Cummings will be working together to make sure that school staff are made aware of an incident early enough to support pupils in school.

#### **How will it work?**

Schools across Sunderland will nominate two members of staff who will be known as Key Adults. All Key Adults will attend specific training to the role in preparation for Operation Encompass.

Each morning a police officer will review all domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but which might have had an impact on a child attending school the following day. Where children were present, witnessed or involved in a domestic abuse incident and aged between 4 and 16 years old, the officer will send this information to the Council's Initial Contact and Referral Team who will then send this information in a secure format to the named Key Adult in the child's school. The Key Adult will check their emails every day and the staff in contact with those pupils will then be in an informed position to support them in a way that is right for the child.

This information will be shared on school days during school term and, when incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or over a holiday period, the police will contact the Council the following Monday.

Operation Encompass launched in Sunderland in Spring 2017- 24th April 2017

For more information about Operation Encompass, please contact the school, check our website or visit <http://www.operationencompass.org/>

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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