

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 in September 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 pupils/students 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 Mark Rodericks , Deputy Heateacher and the Deputy Key Adult is Alister Sutherland, Headteacher. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the right support is available should it be required by a child/young person and/or their family. We are keen to offer the best support available to our pupils/students 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](http://www.operationencompass.org)

Information about a wide range of local services for families is available at [www.familyinfobrighton.org.uk](http://www.familyinfobrighton.org.uk)

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