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Dear Parent/Carer

Operation Encompass

This is a reminder that our Academy supports and takes part in the Operation Encompass partnership scheme, this is a jointly run project between all schools in Redcar and Cleveland Police.

This project has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of normal school hours, that a child may have been exposed to, and that might have had an impact on a child attending our Academy 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.


Information will only be shared with the Academy by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead Officer (DSLO), has been trained to liaise with the police. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the Academy is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families. The DSLO will keep this information confidential, and will only share it on a need to know basis, for instance, to teaching staff of the child or young person. It will not be shared with other students.

Operation Encompass was first 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 across the whole of the Cleveland area. If you would like some more information about Operation Encompass, you can view it online at <http://www.OperationEncompass.org>

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all of our students and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive of all those involved.

Yours faithfully



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