



# Hebburn Comprehensive School

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Re: Operation Encompass

I am writing to let you know about an innovative project that all schools in South Tyneside are taking part in. 'Operation Encompass' is being run in partnership with South Tyneside Council and Northumbria Police.

The project, which starts in January 2016, aims to support children who are affected by Domestic Abuse. Witnessing domestic abuse is extremely distressing for children. The young people affected often see the abuse happening; hear it from another room; see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards; or are physically hurt trying to stop the abuse.

Following any incident of domestic abuse reported to Northumbria Police, specialist Police Officers will make contact with Children's Social Care, who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to a nominated person in school. This will ensure that the school is made aware of the incident at the earliest opportunity, enabling us to provide essential support to the young person, making sure that they feel safe and are listened to.

Each school has a member of staff (key adult) who has been fully trained to liaise with the Police and Social Services. Following a reported incident, they will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child following the disclosure.

Being part of this project demonstrates the school's commitment to working in partnership with other agencies to help safeguard and protect children, providing the highest standards of care and support possible for our pupils.

If you would like to speak to someone about the project or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Payne, Senior Child Protection Officer at the school. You can also find out more information through accessing the following website: <http://www.operationencompass.org/>

Yours sincerely

D R Thompson  
**Head Teacher**



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