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Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Operation Encompass**

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run jointly between all schools in York, City of York Council and North Yorkshire Police.

This new project, Operation Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of normal school hours and that might have had an impact on a child attending our premises the following day. This information will be shared at the earliest opportunity between Monday to Friday and when an incident occurs on weekend the school will be notified on the Monday by the police.

A nominated member of school staff, known as a key adult, will receive the information from the police. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that our school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. Information will be shared where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

Operation Encompass has already proved to be very effective in providing appropriate support to children.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our children and we believe this initiative is going to be extremely beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Yours sincerely

L J Barringer  
Head Teacher

**Web links:**

IDAS (Independent Domestic Abuse Services) [www.idas.org](http://www.idas.org)

North Yorkshire Police [www.northyorkshire.police.uk](http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk)



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