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Dear Parent / Carer

Many of you will be aware that the school has been part of a pilot scheme of a national initiative called Operation Encompass since November 2016, This scheme is now being rolled out across the whole of the borough and therefore I am writing to you to remind those parents and carers who had boys at the school when we became part of the pilot and also to make parents and carers aware who did not have boys at the school at that time of what the scheme is and how it helps school support the boys.

The scheme will ensure that we can better support any child where a domestic incident has been reported to Police from their home.

Following a domestic incident, the Police will inform a nominated member of staff at the school to notify us that an incident has taken place. This will ensure that we are made aware early enough to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe, supported and listened to.

Each school has a member of staff called the designated Safeguarding lead who is trained to recognise when a child needs support.

The initiative is being rolled out across all Tameside schools. It is a multi-agency project that includes the Police, local schools and the Council. It has been successfully implemented in other parts of the country and has helped schools and parents to help children deal with the impact that domestic abuse in the home can have on them.

You can find out more about Operation Encompass here:

<http://www.operationencompass.org/>

We will launch the initiative on 21st January 2019. In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the initiative, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are committed to working in partnership with local relevant organisations to safeguard and protect children in Tameside and to provide the best possible care and support for our pupils.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A F Harrison
Headteacher