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Dear Parent/Carer

Operation Encompass is an innovative project in which schools and nurseries in Gloucestershire are participating, and which is run in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership and Gloucestershire Police. Many other Local Authorities both nationally and locally have successfully implemented Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass commenced on 4th March 2019 for schools and 14th December 2020 for nurseries and aims to support children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse. Witnessing or experiencing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards, or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the police, the police will contact the setting to share relevant, necessary and proportionate information to nominated setting staff. This will ensure that the setting is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to.

Each setting has members of staff who have been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following the notification of a domestic abuse incident.

I believe that this project demonstrates our setting's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact our DSLs in the setting who are *[Inset names and contact details for DSLs in setting].* Please be aware that this is a police led project and therefore any complaints that you have regarding this process must be directed through the police complaints process.

You can also find out more information here http://www.operationencompass.org/

and http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h

Yours,
Mrs Sarah Scott
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Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership

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