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Dear Parent/Carer,

We writing to update you about an important project that our school is going to be involved in. We have been given the opportunity to take part in 'Operation Encompass'. We are one of around 220 schools taking part in the Western Trust area. Operation Encompass is a partnership between Police and Schools and is aimed at supporting children who are victims of domestic violence.

Operation Encompass started in England ten years ago and is now coming to Northern Ireland. It is very simple idea, but one that will help us to support and protect vulnerable children. When the Police attend an incident of domestic violence where one of our pupils is present, they will inform the schools designated teacher for child protection at the start of the next school day. This information is shared in strict confidence and school staff are only told on a need to know basis.

Operation Encompass is designed to help schools meet the needs of children after the Police have attended a domestic incident at their home. At its heart is the simple sharing of information between Police and Schools.

Should you wish to find out more information, please contact the schools Designated Teachers (Mrs T Flanagan/ Mrs M Roarty) for Child Protection or alternatively you can read more about Operation Encompass at www.operationencompass.org.

Signed

Margaret Roarty

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