

# ACKLAM WHIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

“Preparing our children for their future.”

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Operation Encompass

Our School is part of a project in conjunction with Middlesbrough and Cleveland Police.

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

A nominated member of school staff, known as a key adult, (Mrs Short / Mrs Prince) will be trained to liaise with the police. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the 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 was introduced in Plymouth, Devon and Cornwall, in February 2011 and has proved very effective in providing appropriate support in a timely manner. This initiative has already been implemented in Hartlepool and has been extended across Cleveland. If you would like some more information about how Operation Encompass operates and the benefits of it, you can view it online at <http://www.cleveland.police.uk/advice-information/OperationEncompass.aspx>

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,  
Mrs Jodie Short