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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that Pool Hayes will be taking part in a jointly run operation between Walsall Council, West Midlands Police and our school, it is called Operation Encompass. Encompass has been set-up to help schools to provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic violence. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they are involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school will receive a confidential communication from the Operation Encompass Administrator before 10am on the morning after any domestic incident where a child at their school has been involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school have designated Mr D Mason – <u>d.mason@poolhayes.attrust.org.uk</u>, Mr T Harris – <u>t.harris@poolhayes.attrust.org.uk</u> and Mrs J Probert – <u>j.probert@poolhayes.attrust.org.uk</u> as Key Adults. They have received training from Walsall Police and the Local Authority Early Help Service to allow them to use the information that has been shared in confidence to make sure that the right support is available for the children and their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence incident.

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

If you have any concerns or questions, then please contact one of the above Key Adult's by e-mail and we will be happy to discuss this further. Further information about the project can be found on our school's website and is available from the school office on request.

Yours sincerely

L P Baker Principal