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RE: Operation Encompass

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that with effect from October 2021, Thornton Primary School will be taking part in a joint operation involving Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham City Council, and West Midlands Police. This will formally be known as **Operation Encompass**

Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, or involved in any domestic abuse incident. We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it can also negatively affect their learning and behaviour in school.

Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, the school will now receive a confidential phone call or email from West Midlands Police before 9am the morning after a child or young person has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

Here at Thornton, we have a dedicated and child-focussed safeguarding team. They are specially trained to effectively use the information the Police share, in confidence, and enable the school to provide the right support to any child and their family.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe this will be extremely beneficial. More information can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>.

However, if you have any concerns or questions regarding Operation Encompass, please don't hesitate to contact me, and I will be happy to discuss them with you.

Yours sincerely,

Deputy Head Teacher

