



Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you that our **Orchards Junior School** has been given the opportunity to take part in a new operation that will run jointly with Sussex Police.

Operation Encompass has been designed to provide early reporting to schools / colleges of any domestic abuse incidents that occur in which a child was present, ordinarily resides at the incident location or with an involved party. We know that children can be significantly affected through witnessing or being exposed to domestic abuse and this operation will allow us to better support our pupils and their families.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, will be trained to liaise with the police. At **Orchards Junior School** our Key Adult is **Ms McKenna** They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the right support is available should it be required by a child and / or their family.

We are keen to offer the best support available 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 our key adult or myself and we will be happy to discuss this further.

Thank you for your continued support,

Dr P. Jones
Headteacher
