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 Executive Head: Mr B Payne  
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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you that Parkside school will be taking part in a jointly-run operation between Norfolk County Council, Norfolk 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 phone call from the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub before 9 am 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 has designated Mrs Anne Bell, Mrs Sue Hawkes and myself as Key Adults. We have received training from Norfolk County Council to allow us to use the information that has been shared in confidence to make sure that the right support is available for 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 Adults and we will be happy to discuss this further. Further information about the project will shortly be available on our school's website and from the school office on request.

Yours faithfully



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