



28<sup>th</sup> January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that our school is now participating in a Police-led initiative called Operation Encompass, a scheme which will ensure that we can better support any child where a domestic incident has been reported to the Police from their home.

Following a domestic incident, the Police will make contact with the school via telephone and communicate relevant information to nominated, fully-trained school staff. This will ensure that we are made aware early enough to support children and young people in a way that means they feel safe, supported and listened to.

Each school has a member of staff called a key adult who is trained to liaise with the police, when required, whilst ensuring support is available to the child. At Willaston, those key adults are myself and Mrs Virdie.

The initiative has already been trialled in a number of schools across the local authority areas of Halton, Warrington, Cheshire West & Chester and Cheshire East with success. You can find out more about Operation Encompass via the following site: <http://www.operationencompass.org/>

The project launched county-wide on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January. If you would like to speak to someone further about the initiative, or require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the key adults at school.

We are committed to working in partnership with local relevant organisations to safeguard and protect children across Cheshire and provide the best possible care and support for our pupils.

Yours faithfully,

Clare Grehan

