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Dear Parent/Carer

Dalton St Mary's has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run in partnership between Cumbria County Council, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Cumbria Police.

The project, Operation Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting to schools and nurseries of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school hours and might have an impact on a child attending school the following day. Any information will be shared on weekdays during school term time. When incidents occur over the weekend, the Operation Encompass Designated Officer will contact school at the earliest opportunity to provide information to the Designated Safeguarding Lead (Mrs Woodburn - Headteacher) or one of the Designated Safeguarding Lead deputies here at school (Mrs Croskery, Mrs Pearson, Mrs Woodburn - Y6).

We have been trained to liaise with the Operation Encompass Designated Officer. We will be able to use information that has been shared with us by Operation Encompass, in confidence, to ensure that we are able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. Information will be shared, on a need-to-know basis only, where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed, or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

Operation Encompass was introduced in Plymouth, Devon and Cornwall, in February 2011 and has proved to be very effective in providing appropriate support in a timely manner. If you would like to read more about the project in other areas of the country, this can be viewed online.

We are keen to offer the best possible responses for all children across Cumbria and believe that Operation Encompass is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Yours sincerely

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