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Dear Parent/Carer

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run in partnership with Manchester Safeguarding Board and Greater Manchester Police.

The project, Operation Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school, but which might have an impact on a child attending school the following day. This information will be shared on school days during the school term. When incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police will contact the relevant school the following Monday.

A nominated member of school staff, known as a Key Adult, will be trained to liaise with the police. At St James' Catholic High School our two Key Adults are Mrs Emma Keenan and Mrs Caroline Chadwick. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to support children and their families.

Information will be shared where it is identified that a child or young person was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils, and believe that Operation Encompass is going to be beneficial and supportive for all concerned children and families

Information about this new initiative, can be viewed under the Safeguarding section on the school website <http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/safeguarding/>, or you can contact our Key Adults at school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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Chair of Governors