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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you that, following the successful pilot run in Crawley during November and December 2017, Operation Encompass is being launched throughout the whole of West Sussex from 16th April 2018.

This project, run jointly between schools and Sussex Police, has been designed to provide early reporting to schools 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 our school to better support our pupils and their families.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At Northgate Primary School our Key Adult is me, Georgina Beaven.

I will be able to use information that has been shared with me, 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 me and I will be happy to discuss this further.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'A Harrison'.

Mrs Amanda Harrison

Head teacher