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Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Operation Encompass**

I am writing to inform you that Mary Elliot School will be taking part in a jointly run operation between Walsall Council and the West Midlands Police. It is called "Operation Encompass" and has been set up to help schools 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 or witness domestic violence incidents.

The school will receive a strictly confidential communication from the Operation Encompass administrator before 10am on the morning after any domestic incident.

Mary Elliot School has a Designated Safeguarding Lead who has received training from Walsall Borough Council which allows them to use the information that has been shared in confidence to ensure that the right support is available for the student and their family.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our students and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead at Mary Elliot who will be happy to discuss this further. Further information about the project can be found on the schools website.

Yours sincerely,



**Clive Padgett**  
Headteacher