



Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school continues to be part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day and during the school holidays, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child or children in our care. At Shilbottle Primary all our DSLs (currently Mr Parnaby, Miss Harrison, Mrs Hunt & Mr Phillips) are trained in Operation Encompass procedures and notifications of any incidents are sent directly to Mr Parnaby by Northumbria Police Force throughout the year.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

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

Signed
Gary Parnaby
Head Teacher