

Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: 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 Sunday, the police will contact the relevant school the following Monday.

Two nominated members of school staff, known as Key Adults, have been trained to liaise with the police. At St Thomas' CE Primary school our Key Adults are Mrs Karen Morris (Head teacher) and Ms Louise Loynes (Deputy Headteacher). 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.

If you would like more information about this new initiative, details can be viewed online at <u>http://www.st-thomasheaton.stockport.sch.uk/?page\_id=15659&preview=true</u> or you can contact either of our Key Adults at school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Chair of Governors

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