



## Ackworth Howard Church of England (VC) Junior and Infant School

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### Operation Encompass

Dear Parents/Carers

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new project that will run jointly between schools, Wakefield Council and West Yorkshire Police. The project aims to support children who are living in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. Witnessing or even hearing domestic abuse is distressing for a child or young person. They may see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards or can be physically hurt trying to stop abuse.

The domestic violence and abuse school notification project has been designed to provide confidential notification to schools on any incidents of domestic violence and abuse which occur within a child's household that might have an impact on a child whilst they are in school.

The project will ensure that a member of staff is trained to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, and ensure that the school is able to make provision and allowances for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence or abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe that this is going to be very useful and supportive to all those involved. I believe the project demonstrates the school's commitments to the safety and welfare of pupils and families. In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact myself as the key adult for Operation Encompass in school.

If you would like further support or information about domestic violence and abuse please go to <http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/health-care-and-advice/adults-and-older-people-services/domestic-abuse>

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Walker

Headteacher

Compassion  
Forgiveness  
Friendship  
Trust