

**HOVE JUNIOR SCHOOL** 

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to tell you that our school has become part of Operation Encompass, a joint project with Sussex Police.

The project provides early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents involving children (incidents in which a child was present, ordinarily resides at the incident location or with an involved party).

We know that children and young people can be significantly affected through witnessing or being exposed to domestic abuse and this operation will allow our school to better support our children and their families. A nominated member of school staff, known as a Key Adult, will be trained to liaise with the police. **Our Key Adults are Mandy Stewart (Portland Road) and Lorna Cummings (Holland Road)**. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, 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 children and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Additional information about Operation Encompass is available at <u>www.operationencompass.org</u>

Information about a wide range of local services for families is available at <u>www.familyinfobrighton.org.uk</u>

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact our Key Adult and we will be happy to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,

Madeline Southern

Maddie Southern Headteacher



Hove Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.