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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have been asked to inform you about Operation Endeavour and Operation Encompass. These are innovative projects in which schools and colleges in Northumberland are participating, and are run in partnership with Northumberland County Council and Northumbria Police.

Operation Endeavour aims to support children and young people who go missing from home. Children who go missing from home are at risk of significant harm and they may be vulnerable to sexual exploitation, violent crime, gang exploitation, or to drug and alcohol misuse. As a result, following any report of a child going missing to the Police, the Police will make contact with Children's Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to the nominated school staff.

Mowden Hall has members of staff (key adults) who have been fully trained in liaising with the Police and Children's Social Care when required and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following their return.

Operation Encompass aims to support children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse. Experiencing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse.

As a result, following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the Police, the Police will make contact with Children's Social Care who will then communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff. This will ensure that the school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to.

Again, Mowden Hall has members of staff (key adults) who have been fully trained in liaising with police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following the disclosure of a domestic abuse incident.

You can also find out more information regarding support that is available for adults and children here <http://www.operationencompass.org/> and <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>

I believe that these projects demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children, and in providing the best possible care and support for our pupils. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Best wishes,

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