



## **Encompass Parents Awareness Letter**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Bolton Encompass

Our school is part of a project that runs in partnership with Bolton Safeguarding Children Partnership and Greater Manchester Police.

The project, Bolton 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 a Sunday, the police will contact the relevant school the following Monday.

A nominated member of school staff, known as a Key Adult, is appointed to liaise with the police. At St Mary's CE Primary School our Key Adults are our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Ross Powell, and our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead, Paula Cox. 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 Bolton Encompass is beneficial and supportive for all concerned children and families

Some information about Encompass is included in this letter but if you would like more information about this initiative, details can be viewed online at [About us : Operation Encompass](#) or you can contact our Key Adults at school on 01204 333494.

Domestic Abuse support can be found locally at [Fortalice - Domestic Abuse Charity North West - 01204 365677](#) and [Domestic Abuse and Violence Support Services - Endeavour \(endeavourproject.org.uk\)](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

Philip Orth  
Chair of Governors

Ross Powell  
Headteacher