



# ST. HILD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND SCHOOL

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At St. Hild's we aim to serve our community by providing high quality education in a Christian context.  
We are a comprehensive school guaranteeing equal opportunities,  
a responsive curriculum and a supportive community.  
We expect to find God at work in our school.

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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 between Hartlepool Borough Council and Cleveland Police, launching on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015

The project, Operation Encompass, has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but might have had an impact on a child attending school the following day. This information will be shared on school days during the school term and, when incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police will contact the relevant school the following Monday.

Nominated members of school staff are known as Key Adults. They are our "**Safeguarding Team**", and are trained to liaise with the police. They will be able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or 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.

Operation Encompass was introduced in Plymouth, Devon and Cornwall, in February 2011 and has proved very effective in providing appropriate support in a timely manner. This initiative is to be extended across Stockton, Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland over the coming year and, if you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org)

We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe that Operation Encompass is going to be beneficial and supportive for all concerned.

Yours faithfully,

Louise Day  
Assistant Head teacher  
Designated Lead Safeguarding Officer