



BEESTON HALL SCHOOL

4th May 2022

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

I am writing to alert you to the fact that Beeston Hall School continues to be a part of the jointly run project, named **Operation Encompass**, between Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Police and our school. Operation Encompass has been set up to help schools provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic abuse and/or violence. We are very aware that children can suffer emotional, as well as physical, harm, as a result of being present at, or witness to, domestic violence situations.

In the event of a reported incident, the school would receive a confidential phone call, or a secure AnyComms+ email, from **Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service**, before 9am, or as soon as possible thereafter, on the morning following any domestic incident which Norfolk Police have recorded and or attended, where a child at the said school (in our case Beeston Hall) has been involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school has appointed its three designated safeguarding leads: Holly Davies (DSL), Fred de Falbe (DDSL) and Bob Hammond (DDSL), as the Key Adults. Our Key Adults have received training from Norfolk County Council to allow them to use the information that has been shared, to make sure that the right support is available for children and their families who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence incident.

The needs of the child are paramount. Therefore, we are keen to work with other agencies in a way that offers the best support possible to our pupils and believe Operation Encompass enables this to take place. If you have any concerns or questions, then please contact one of the Key Adults who would be happy to discuss this further.

Information about the project can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/> and is available from the School Office on request.

Yours faithfully,

Holly Davies

(Designated Safeguarding Lead for Beeston Hall School, including EYFS)

