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Principal: Mr Jon Francies

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you that The Burgess Hill Academy has been given the opportunity to take part in a new operation that will run jointly with Sussex Police.

Operation Encompass has been designed to provide early reporting to schools / colleges of any domestic abuse incidents that occur in which a child was present, ordinarily resides at the incident location or with an involved party. We know that young people can be significantly affected through witnessing or being exposed to domestic abuse, and this operation will allow us to better support our students and their families.

A nominated member of staff, known as a Key Adult, has been trained to liaise with the police. At the academy, and our Key Adult is Deborah Simmons, Behaviour Support Manager\Designated Safeguarding Lead. She will be able to use information that has been shared with her, in confidence, to ensure that the right support is available should it be required by one of our young people and/or their family.

We are keen to offer the best support available to our students and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved. Further information can be found on the Operation Encompass website. If you have any concerns or questions, then please contact Deborah Simmons dsimmons@theburgesshillacademy.org.uk and she will be happy to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely

Jon Francies
Principal