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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to share with you that our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new Home Office approved project. It is being led by Northumbria Police, the former Crime Commissioner Dame Vera Baird in partnership with Barnardo's and Operation Encompass. The project, named Operation Encompass: The Next Steps, aims to educate children and young people about healthy relationships.

The project will help all children in Northumbria to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and empathy and rules and expectations, so that they can live and work together safely.

Our school will also benefit from having one of twelve School Safeguarding Liaison Officers who will:

- Work with our teachers to deliver an age appropriate session exploring friendships /relationships/emotions
- Be available in school at specified times so that children and parents can talk about issues that they may have around relationships

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for children and the whole school community.

If you wish to discuss this please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Henderson or myself via the school office.

Alison Miller

Head Teacher







