Bressingham Primary School

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Learning together, growing together Headteachers: Mrs D Gudde and Mrs J Lewis Chair of Governors: Mr Timothy Cox

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you that the school will be continuing to take part in a jointly run operation between Norfolk County Council, Norfolk Police and our school, it is called Operation Encompass. Encompass has been set-up to help schools to provide support to children who have been present at incidents of domestic abuse & violence. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they are involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school will receive a confidential phone call or email from Norfolk Children's Advice and Duty Service before 9am or as soon as possible thereafter on the morning after any domestic incident which Norfolk Police have recorded where a child at their school has been involved in, present or witness to domestic violence.

The school has designated Mrs Gudde and Mrs Lewis as 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. We are keen to offer the best support possible to our pupils and we believe this is extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions, then please contact one of us and we will be happy to discuss this further. Further information about the project can be found on our school's website and is available from the school office on request.

Yours sincerely,

Dawn Gudde and Joanna Lewis Headteachers