



A thuistí agus a chairde,

I am writing to update you about our school's participation in Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is an early intervention partnership between Police and Schools which will be active in all schools by the end of this term. It is aimed at supporting children who are victims of domestic violence.

It is a very simple idea, but one that will help us to support and protect vulnerable children. When the Police attend an incident of domestic violence where one of our pupils is present, they will inform the school's Designated Teacher for Child Protection (Laura Mistéil) at the start of the next school day. This information is shared in strict confidence and school staff are only told on a need-to-know basis.

Following any notification from the PSNI, our staff will provide immediate support to any child who has been the victim of domestic abuse. We know that when children do witness domestic abuse at home, this is a highly traumatic experience for them. By taking part in Operation Encompass, we can provide tailored and compassionate support to our pupils, in line with our school ethos and nurturing approach. This builds on our existing commitment to child safeguarding.

Should you wish to find out more information, please contact the school or alternatively you can read more about Operation Encompass at [www.operationencompass.org](http://www.operationencompass.org).

Our child protection policy has been updated to include information on Operation Encompass and can be found on the school website at [www.scoilandroichid.com/r-scoil/policies](http://www.scoilandroichid.com/r-scoil/policies) .

Is mise le meas,

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Scoil an Droichid