







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 and Crime Commissioner Dame Vera Baird and Northumbria Police 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 (SSLOs) 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

The first session at Eastlea with our SSLO takes place next week during the afternoon of Tuesday 18th June. **Parents/carers are invited to come and speak to the SSLO as part of a 'drop in' session at any time from 2.45pm – 3.45pm** if you have any issues you wish to discuss. Please just come into school via the main entrance.

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.

Miss E Beeston Head Teacher

