

*“Torbay Education Safeguarding Service (TESS) is a social work led service working in partnership with schools and social care to promote the welfare of children and young people, and to ensure they are safe from harm.*

*As part of their work, they will receive information from partner agencies, such as the police and social care. The police send a daily Public Protection Notice (PPN). This is generated if there has been an incident when the police are called to any household where a child is resident. It may be that the incident relates to only of one your children, however, it is likely that any police involvement with one member of the household may affect all of the siblings.*

*There may be occasions when you have not consented to the sharing of the information. For minor incidents, if you withhold consent to share information TESS will not receive an alert. However, incidents graded medium or high are shared with schools as these are deemed potential child protection matters. This principle is similar to that employed by the police for Operation Encompass, an initiative managed by the police and nothing to do with TESS.*

*In addition, the police send all missing and found notifications. These are forwarded to all schools for information.*

*If information is shared, this will be in accordance with the key principles of the Data Protection Laws on a need-to-know basis and will only occur to help schools protect and promote the welfare of your son or daughter. When there is any sharing of information, schools should discuss this with you to enable a partnership approach to meeting the needs of your son or daughter.*

*If you have any questions about the service please as*