

Operation Encompass Safeguarding Statement

Our school is part of Operation Encompass. This is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass means that the police will share information about Domestic Abuse incidents with our school prior to the start of the next school day when they have been called to a domestic incident.

This information is shared with Mrs Fenby, Designated Safeguarding Lead and Linda Ramsden Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and teaching staff on a need to know basis. This information is stored in line with all other confidential safeguarding and child protection information. Mrs Fenby will report on Operation Encompass in the Head Teachers Governors termly report (all information is anonymised).

Mrs Fenby has also led training for all school staff and Governors about Operation Encompass, the prevalence of Domestic Abuse and the impact of this abuse on children. We have also discussed how we can support our children following the Operation Encompass notification.

We are aware that we must do nothing that puts the child/ren or the non abusing adult at risk.

Ten Key Principles

1. Operation Encompass is a unique police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership enabling support for children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse.
2. Operation Encompass is every child's right. It should be embedded in every force, in every school, for every child.
3. Operation Encompass will ensure that ALL incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified.
4. Through Operation Encompass Mrs Fenby, DSL and Mrs Ramsden, DDSL are key adults in school and will be notified PRIOR to the start of the next day that a child has experienced an incident of domestic abuse that the police have attended.
5. Mrs Fenby and Mrs Ramsden are training safeguarding leads and will receive the Operation Encompass information and disseminate to MyConcern (electronic safeguarding system) and teaching staff on a need to know basis.
6. Mrs Fenby should cascade the necessary awareness training to Governors and all staff so that there is knowledge of the scheme as well as the knowledge about domestic abuse and its impact upon children.
7. Mrs Fenby and Mrs Ramsden will be notified PRIOR to the start of the school day in order to plan for timely support. This timely knowledge enables all interactions, from when the child first arrives at the school gates, to be of a positive nature.
8. Operation Encompass is an integral part of safeguarding and child protection and, as such, should be cited in the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection policy.
9. Operation Encompass must lead to a secure record keeping trail. This may be electronic or paper based. All records must be managed at Child Protection level with the highest level of security and confidentiality.
10. As part of our school participation in Operation Encompass Mrs Fenby and Linda Ramsden will lead in information all staff members about the project. This includes, but is not limited to, placing information on the school's website, in the prospective and informing parents.