



Operation Encompass Safeguarding Statement

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Jonathan Seaward

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Hazel Thomas and Liz Wilson

The Key adults are: Jonathan Seaward and Hazel Thomas

Our school is part of Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience Domestic Violence and Abuse.

Children were recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right in the 2021 Domestic Abuse Bill. Operation Encompass means that the police will share information with our school about all police attended Domestic Abuse incidents which involve any of our children PRIOR to the start of the next school day.

All Key Adults (Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads) have attended an Operation Encompass local briefing as well as national online training

Our parents are aware that we are an Operation Encompass school. The Operation Encompass information is stored in line with all other confidential safeguarding and child protection information. The Key Adult 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 who are experiencing Domestic Violence and Abuse on a day to day basis and particularly 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.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead will report on Operation Encompass in the annual safeguarding report to Governors. All information is anonymised for these reports.

The Key Adult has used the Operation Encompass Toolkit to ensure that all appropriate actions have been taken by the school.

Operation Encompass Key Principles

- Operation Encompass is a unique police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership enabling support for children and young people who have experienced domestic abuse.
- Operation Encompass is every child's right. It should be embedded in every force, in every school, for every child.
- Operation Encompass will ensure that ALL incidents of Domestic Abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified.
- Through Operation Encompass a trained Key Adult in school (Designated Safeguarding Lead) will be notified PRIOR to the start of the next school day that a child has experienced an incident of Domestic Abuse when the police have attended.
- The Key Adult must be a trained Designated or Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and should attend a mandatory Police and Education led Operation Encompass briefing. The Key Adult is the person who will receive the information from the police.
- The Key Adult 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.
- The Key Adult must 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.
- 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 policies.
- 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.