

Operation Encompass for Schools

The aim is to ensure that all incidents of domestic abuse are shared with schools, not just those where an offence can be identified. It is hoped that Operation Encompass will be adopted by every police force and every school, for the benefit of every child.

The principles of Operation Encompass are very simple and easy to adopt. Within every school a trained Key Adult is appointed – the Key Adult receives information about abusive incidents directly from the police. The Key Adult will be notified prior to the start of the next school day that the police have attended an incident of domestic abuse to which a child has been exposed. This timely knowledge enables a plan for appropriate support to be made for that child so that all interactions, from when the child first arrives at the school gates, are of a positive nature.

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. They are then able to cascade this training to their school Governors and all staff, creating an awareness throughout their school of Operation Encompass, how it mitigates the effects of domestic abuse, and its broader consequent benefits.

Operation Encompass is an integral component in child safeguarding and protection policies and, as such, is cited in the school's Safeguarding and Child Protection policy. Participation in Operation Encompass mandates a secure record-keeping trail which is managed online at St. George's CE Primary School through our CPOMS system. Within Operation Encompass all records are managed at Child Protection level with the highest level of security and confidentiality and in full accordance with GDPR.

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