

We are an Operation Encompass School

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Experiencing an Unhealthy or Unsafe Relationship?

Your rights as a child or young person

If the police are called to your home because of a domestic incident, then the officers should talk to you and listen carefully to you and your experiences; they should explain to you any decisions that they are making and listen to what you want for yourself and your own safety.

You should not have to face this on your own and you have the right to be listened to, to have your voice heard and to be cared for... that is the responsibility of the adults in your life... because you matter.

Your teachers in school should show understanding and care for you; they have had training to help them to try to understand what it is like experiencing unhealthy or unsafe relationships and they should give you the support that you want and need, and work on your behalf to get you support by people/groups outside school if that is what you want and need.

Operation Encompass believes that you have the right to be happy, to live in a secure and caring environment and to live without harm and fear.

Operation Encompass understands that living in a home where there are unhealthy or unsafe relationships between the people who care for you, or being in an unhealthy or unsafe relationship yourself (domestic abuse) can be harmful to you. If this happens to you then you should be listened to, helped and supported by a trusted adult who cares and understands what you are experiencing.



Operation Encompass is a scheme that means that the police will share information with one trained person in your school or college if something has happened that is about unhealthy or unsafe relationships between the people who care for you or in your own relationship. The person in school who is responsible for keeping you safe will be told so that they can help you.
www.operationencompass.org Your rights are written in the United Nations Convention on the Right of the Child www.unicef.org.uk/what-we-do/un-convention-child-rights/

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021

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