OPERATION ENCOMPASS

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 right[1].

> 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