

Supporting children through key adults

Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in or witness to a domestic abuse incident. Even when not directly injured, children are greatly distressed by witnessing the physical and emotional suffering of a parent.

Encompass has been created to address this situation. It is the implementation of key partnership working between the police and schools. The aim of sharing information with local schools is to allow 'Key Adults' the opportunity of engaging with the child and

to provide access to support that allows them to remain in a safe but secure familiar environment.

Following the report of an incident of domestic abuse, by the start of school the next day, the school's Key Adult (Mrs Parkin or Mrs Dewhurst) will be informed that the child or young person has been involved in a domestic incident. This knowledge, given to schools through Operation Encompass, allows the provision of immediate early intervention through silent or overt support dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.

The purpose and procedures in Operation Encompass form part of our Safeguarding Policy and is available on the school website. For further information please go to https://www.operationencompass.org/