

OPERATION ENCOMPASS SAFEGUARDING STATEMENT

Our School is part of Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a national police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience Domestic Violence and Abuse and which is in place in every police force in England and Wales.

Children were recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right in the 2021 Domestic Abuse Act.

Operation Encompass means that the police will share information with our Academy about **all** police attended Domestic Abuse incidents which involve any of our children PRIOR to the start of the next school day.

Once a Key Adult (DSL – Designated Safeguarding Lead) and their deputies (DDSL's – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads) have either attended an Operation Encompass briefing or completed the online Operation Encompass Key Adult training, they will cascade the principles of Operation Encompass to all other Academy staff and Governors. All school staff and Governors can undertake online training.

Our safeguarding team undertook training on 23 November 2021.

Our parents are fully aware that we are an operation Encompass school and we ensure that when a new child joins our Academy the parents/carers are informed about Operation Encompass.

The Operation Encompass Information is stored in line with all other confidential safeguarding and child protection information.

Our policy and practice is designed to support our children who are experiencing Domestic Violence and Abuse on a day-to-day basis and follow the Operation Encompass Handbooks.

We are aware that we must do nothing that puts the child/ren or the non-abusing adult at risk.

The Safeguarding Governor will report on Operation Encompass in the termly report to Governors. All information is anonymised for the purpose of these reports.

Our Operation Encompass Key Adult Responsibilities checklist demonstrates that all appropriate actions have been taken by the Academy.

When the Head Teacher, DSL or DDSLs leave the Academy and other staff are appointed, they will ensure that all Operation Encompass log in details are shared with the new Head Teacher/Key Adults and that the new member of staff will undertake the Operation Encompass online training.