

Operation Encompass

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a national project, which is being run locally in partnership with Worcestershire County Council and West Mercia Police.



Operation Encompass is a process whereby the police and county council will inform a member of staff if a child or young person has experienced any domestic incident. This will be done prior to the start of the next school day. Information sharing between professional agencies allows school staff to provide emotional and practical support to their students experiencing domestic abuse.

Domestic abuse can broadly be defined as ‘any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour; violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who have been intimate partners or family members. This can include but is not limited to the following types of abuse – psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional.

Operation Encompass ensures that a member of the school staff, usually the Designated Safeguarding Lead, is given special training, to enable them to liaise with the police and county council in receiving and using the information that has been shared, in confidence.

The sharing of details under Operation Encompass is permitted under Statutory Safeguarding Legislation and in respect of local authority schools under the Crime and Disorder Act (for the prevention of crime) and doing so without the child’s or parent’s consent is permissible under both pieces of legislation and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We want to offer the best support possible to all our students and we believe, that where necessary, this will be beneficial in helping us to achieve that goal. Please make contact with the school’s Safeguarding Lead should you wish to discuss this further.

Local and national advice and support agencies who can help those who may be affected by domestic abuse:

1. [West Mercia Police](#)
Dial 101 or 999
2. [Worcestershire Domestic Abuse Service \(DAS\)](#) and 24 hour helpline
0800 980 3331
3. [National Centre for Domestic Violence \(NCDV\)](#)
0800 970 2070 or text “NCDV” to 60777 and they will call you back
4. [Worcestershire Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre \(WRSASC\)](#)
01905 611655
5. [ChildLine](#)
0800 1111