

Operation Encompass



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Dear Parent/Carer,

All Leicestershire Schools are part of a safeguarding initiative, which aims to improve outcomes for children and families affected by domestic violence and abuse.

This scheme has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that might have an impact on a child that attends their school. The approach, known as **Operation Encompass** is run in partnership between Leicestershire County Council and Leicestershire Police.

Leicestershire police are now expanding the information that they are sharing confidentially with the safeguarding leads in Leicestershire schools.

From the 19th of September 2022, there will be a phased roll out across the Police Force, sharing with us incidents that they have attended where they feel there has been an impact upon a child's physical, emotional or mental well-being.

We are pleased the force has made this decision as this confidential information will help us to support and care for the children in our care even more effectively.

More information about Operation Encompass including their statement can be found on their website www.operationencompass.org

As part of the Operation Encompass Information Sharing Platform our Police Force will also share with the Designated Safeguarding Lead information about police attended incidents where they feel that there has been a tangible impact upon a child is physical, emotional or mental well-being.

This information is shared so that our school can better understand children's living experience and can support, nurture and care for them more effectively.

This information will be used to ensure the school is able to provide appropriate support to our pupils. The information will remain **confidential** and only shared on a strictly need-to-know basis. It will not be shared with any pupils.

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about domestic abuse or sexual violence, call the United Against Violence and Abuse (UAVA) helpline on 0800 80 200 28. The helpline is open 8am to 8am Monday to Saturday. You can also visit www.uava.org.uk

We look to offer the best support possible for our pupils and believe that this scheme is going to be beneficial and supportive for all those involved. In other areas of the country where it is in place it has been found to be a very effective way of supporting children at a most difficult time.

Yours faithfully,