

26th September, 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you about our school's participation in Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is an early intervention partnership between PSNI and Schools. It is aimed at supporting children who are victims of domestic violence.

Operation Encompass will help us to support and protect vulnerable children. When the PSNI attend an incident of domestic violence where one of our pupils is present, they will inform the school's Designated Teacher for Child Protection at the start of the next school day. This information is shared in strict confidence and school staff are only told on a need-to-know basis.

Following any notification from the PSNI, our staff will provide immediate support to any child who has been the victim of domestic abuse. We know that when children do witness domestic abuse at home, this is a highly traumatic experience for them. Operation Encompass, allows us to provide tailored and compassionate support to our pupils, in line with our school ethos. This builds on our existing commitment to safeguard children.

Should you wish to find out more information, please contact the school's Designated Teacher for Child Protection, Mr Aidan Forker, or alternatively you can read more about Operation Encompass at www.operationencompass.org

Yours sincerely

Aidan Forker

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Designated Teacher for Safeguarding