**Operation Encompass**

**“In Every Force. In Every School. For every child”**

What is Operation Encompass?

Operation Encompass is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership enabling support for children and young people who are experiencing domestic abuse.

Domestic Abuse – the government definition of domestic violence is

“Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence, or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are or have been intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.

The initiative will ensure that the voice of the child is central, fundamental and of paramount importance.

What children may experience: -

Exposure to domestic abuse can have a serious, long-lasting emotional and psychological impact on children.

A child who is anxious and dysregulated, in a persistent state of alarm, is a child who cannot learn. A child could arrive at school in a high state of anxiety about what they may have experienced (seen or heard) the night before. This could include, but is not limited to, any of the following:

* *Other family members being hurt or imitated; - abuse of siblings and or pets*
* *Destruction of property and belongings*
* *Drugs/Alcohol misuse*
* *Overhearing violent incidents*
* *Forced participation in the abuse and degradation of their parent.*

Operation Encompass is for Key Adults to receive any information relating to children within our setting who have witness Domestic Abuse (DA) or Domestic Violence (DV)

Key Adult – Louise Willan, Carolyn Clare-Lloyd, Ashley Gillespie and Laura Harper-Watson

The purpose of the Key Adult is to be available each day to receive Operation Encompass calls, take details of the police attended domestic abuse incidents, and then assess types of support needed for the child.

The KEY Adult role includes:

* *Attending a briefing led by Education and Police or completing an online training course.*
* *Storing the information in accordance with the requirements for safeguarding/child protection files.*
* *Sharing their contact details and time of availability to take Operation Encompass calls each morning with the police. The earlier the better.*
* *Storing any Operation Encompass information in a file or, if a child already has such a record, any new information should be added*.

The Key Adult should inform the **governing body**, **safeguarding governor**, and **teaching staff** about the school’s involvement with Operation Encompass.

Parents should also be informed, but it is not necessary to reach out to extended family or local authorities other than the police.

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