



Operation Encompass Expansion Update September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Building on the national success of Operation Encompass, where all 43 Police forces in England and Wales share information with schools about children experiencing domestic abuse, Leicestershire Police are expanding the information that they are sharing confidentially with the safeguarding leads in schools within Leicestershire.

During the school term, our Designated Safeguarding Lead is informed when any domestic abuse incident has been reported to the police and one of our pupils was in the household. It will not give any details about the incident.

From the 19th September 2022, the Police will, in addition to the above also share with us other incidents that they have attended, where they feel there has been an impact upon a child's physical, emotional or mental health well-being.

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, for example with the class teacher. It will not be shared with any pupils. The information provided will help us to support and care for the children at our school more effectively.

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

If you would like to speak to someone in confidence about domestic abuse, call the Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0800 802 0028 or visit <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-community/emergencies-safety-and-crime/domestic-and-sexual-abuse/>

As our Designated Safeguarding Lead, I have attended a briefing about this information sharing and have disseminated information to the safeguarding governor and to all members of staff.

We look to offer the best support possible for our pupils and believe that this scheme shares information enabling us to better understand a child's lived experience which will enable us to support, nurture and care for them more effectively.

Yours faithfully,

Ms K Pochin, Head teacher