



Operation Encompass



at Christ the King

Operation Encompass is a police and education early information sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support for children and young people experiencing domestic abuse. Information is shared by the police with a school's trained Key Adult, known as the Designated Safeguarding Lead or DSL, prior to the start of the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident- thus enabling appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.

Children experiencing domestic abuse are negatively impacted by this exposure; domestic abuse has been identified as an Adverse Childhood Experience and can lead to emotional, physical and psychological harm. Operation Encompass aims to mitigate this harm by enabling immediate support, making a child's day better and giving them a better tomorrow.

Christ the King Catholic Primary School has been given the opportunity to take part in this project that will run jointly between Islington schools and the Metropolitan Police. We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when there is a domestic incident and the information received will be used to make sure the right support is available for children and their families in school.

Operation Encompass will ensure that the DSL can use any information that has been shared, in confidence. At the same time the school will be able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact Mrs Lane, our Designated Safeguarding Lead or one of the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (Miss Hoster, Mrs Abbott, Mr Lane) who will be happy to discuss any aspect of Operation Encompass with you.

Further information about the project can be found on the Operation Encompass website and is available at the school office on request.

<https://www.operationencompass.org/>

Our school Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Lane. Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Miss Hoster, Mrs Abbott and Mr Lane.

Co-Creator Elisabeth Carney-Haworth:

“Operation Encompass is simply one of the best things that has happened in Safeguarding in schools during my very long career in education. The information received from the police enables us to truly engage in early intervention which in turn helps us to support our children in the way we need to.

Such a simple idea but one with profound impact. And this has been recognised across the education, police and safeguarding sectors. The Inspectorate of schools (Ofsted) and the police (HMICFRS) have both supported our scheme and recently we have received a huge endorsement from the Home Office as they have funded aspects of our work to ensure Operation Encompass is in place across the whole of our country.”

WHAT WE DELIVER

Operation Encompass directly connects the police with schools to secure better outcomes for children who are subject or witness to police-attended incidents of domestic abuse. Rapid provision of support within the school environment means children are better safeguarded against the short-, medium- and long-term effects of domestic abuse.

WHAT WE DO

Operation Encompass provides an efficient, confidential channel of communication between police forces and Key Adults within schools. This enables the immediate and discrete recognition of the child's situation by the Key Adult, ensuring a secure and sympathetic environment is provided and the broader effects of abuse are addressed.

WHO WE ARE

Operation Encompass is a charitable organisation set up in 2011, which has since enabled effective interventions to many thousands of children who've experienced domestic abuse. Our volunteers, trustees, and patrons are working tirelessly to ensure that police and schools throughout the country are able to address victims of domestic abuse consistently and coherently.