



The Academy of Woodlands Safeguarding newsletter Latest advice for parents and carers

Operation Encompass

What is Operation Encompass?

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

When a report of Domestic Abuse is reported to the police, and the police attend the incident. The police will inform the school of the incident. The police may also inform social care, if it is deemed a high level of Domestic Abuse, they believe the child to be at risk of harm or the child is under a certain age. As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right. 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.

How do I find out more about Operation Encompass?

Follow this link to find out more about Operation Encompass.

<https://www.operationencompass.org>

What is Domestic Abuse?

Domestic abuse is an incident or pattern of behaviour that uses power to control a person with whom the abuser has a personal connection. It's about someone trying to control another person's life. Abuse isn't just physical; it can be controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour, violence or abuse.

Anyone can experience domestic abuse, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, age, sexuality or social background. Children are victims too if they see, hear or experience the effects of abuse. If you feel intimidated by or frightened of someone you have a relationship with, to the point that you feel that you have to change your behaviour, you may be experiencing domestic violence.

How to get help

For help and support here are some helpful contact numbers and websites.

If you are in immediate danger call 999 straight away.

Oasis:

01843 269400 enquiries@oasisdaservice.org

One Stop Shop Gillingham

<https://www.oasisdaservice.org/one-stop/>

Refuge

0808 2000 247 <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

Respect

<https://mensadviceline.org.uk/>

Man Kind

<https://www.mankind.org.uk/> 01823 334244

Women's Aid

helpline@womensaid.org.uk

Phoenix Programme

<https://www.oasisdaservice.org/group-work>

