

Friday 29th March 2019

Safeguarding - Operation Encompass

Dear Parent/Carer,

This letter is to inform you that our school is participating in the Operation Encompass partnership scheme, between local schools, academies, colleges, community health agencies, and Lancashire Police.

Operation Encompass was set up to provide early reporting to schools about any domestic abuse / violence incidents that occur outside of school hours to which a child attending our school has been exposed, and which might then have an impact on their schooling the following day. This information will be shared throughout the year, including school holidays and the weekends.

Information will only be shared with the school by the police where it is identified that a child was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident.

Mrs Taylor, Mr Thwaites and I are the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) at Mossgate and also the Encompass Key Adults. We have been trained to liaise with the police and will be able to use any information shared with us, in confidence, to ensure that we are able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. As with all safeguarding information, we will keep this information confidential, and will only share it on a need to know basis, for instance, with teaching staff for the child. It will not be shared with other pupils or parents. Our Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy can be found on our school website.

Operation Encompass was first introduced in Plymouth in February 2011, and has proved very effective in providing appropriate and timely support to young people affected by domestic abuse / violence. This initiative has been implemented across the whole of the Lancashire Police area. If you would like some more information about it, you can view it online at www.operationencompass.org.

We are keen to offer the best support possible for our pupils and a recent review of Operation Encompass showed that it is beneficial and supportive for all those involved.

Yours sincerely

Mr Smith
Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

