

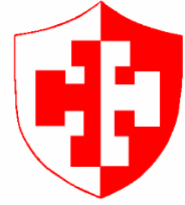


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Headteacher:
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a national project, which is being run locally in partnership with Shropshire Council and West Mercia Police. Operation Encompass is a process whereby the police and the council will inform the headteacher if a child or young person has experienced any domestic abuse incident.

Information sharing between professional agencies allows school staff to provide emotional and practical support to their children experiencing domestic abuse. Domestic abuse can broadly be defined as 'any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive or threatening behaviour; violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who have been intimate partners or family members. This can include, but is not limited to, the following types of abuse – psychological, physical, sexual, financial and emotional.'

The sharing of details under Operation Encompass is permitted under Statutory Safeguarding Legislation and in respect of local authority schools under the Crime and Disorder Act (for the prevention of crime) and doing so without the child's or parent's consent is permissible under both pieces of legislation and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

We want to offer the best support possible to all our children and we believe, that where necessary, this will be beneficial in helping us to achieve that goal. Please make contact with myself or the school's Safeguarding Lead should you wish to discuss the content of this letter.

Attached is a list of local and national advice and support agencies who can help those who may be affected by domestic abuse.

Kind regards,

Nicola Brayford
Headteacher