

Operation Encompass Safeguarding Statement

Meppershall Church of England Academy is part of Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a national police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children who experience Domestic Abuse.

Operation Encompass is in place in every police force in England and Wales, the Isle of Man, Jersey, Guernsey, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Gibraltar.

Children were recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right in the 2021 Domestic Abuse Act.

There is a legislative requirement for police forces to share information with educational settings through Operation Encompass.

Through Operation Encompass, the police will share information with our school about ALL police attended domestic abuse incidents which involve any of our children who are related to either of the adults involved in the incident. This sharing of information will occur PRIOR to the start of the next school day. The notification will inform us about the context of the incident and will include the Voice of the Child.

Once a Key Adult (DSL) and their deputy/ies (DDSLs) have completed the free National Online Operation Encompass Key Adult training they will cascade the principles of Operation Encompass to all other staff. All staff are encouraged undertake the online training.

Miss Corcoran, Mrs Wisson and Mrs Allen have all undertaken this training.

Our parents are aware that we are an Operation Encompass school.

The Operation Encompass notification is stored in line with all other confidential safeguarding and child protection information.

Our Key Adult /s have led training for all staff and Governors about Operation Encompass, the prevalence of Domestic Abuse and the impact of this abuse on children.

As a school we have also discussed how we can support our children who are experiencing Domestic Abuse on a day-to-day basis and particularly following the Operation Encompass notification.

We are aware that we must do nothing that puts the child/ren or the non-abusing adult at risk.

When the Head of School, DSL or DDSLs leave the school and other staff are appointed, we will ensure that all Operation Encompass log in details are shared with the new Head of School/Key Adults and that the new member of staff will undertake the Operation Encompass online training.

