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Operation Encompass

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools, Gloucestershire County Council, Gloucestershire Safeguarding Board and police forces.

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

Operation Encompass is a system for reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse and police have been called. Witnessing or experiencing domestic abuse is really distressing for a child or young person, who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards, or can be physically hurt by trying to stop the abuse. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this is extremely beneficial for all those involved.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, Mrs Rachel Kittle known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the proportionate information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care. We will not question the child or seek further details, it is as we have stated, to be aware so that support can be promptly provided if needed.

If you or any member of your family is affected by Domestic Abuse and would like help or support. I enclose the link for GDASS (Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service)

<http://www.gdass.org.uk/>

If you have any complaints regarding this initiative, please follow Gloucestershire Constabulary's complaints process. You can also find out more information here

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



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