



ABBOT'S LEA SCHOOL

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Dear Families

Ref: Operation Encompass

We are fully committed to our students' safeguarding.

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

Our school is part of **Operation Encompass** - a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces – to report to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person attending that school, has experienced domestic abuse (directly or by witnessing it). The scheme also reports to us any other matters that the police force believes may impact upon students' wellbeing.

As a school, we have ensured that members of our Safeguarding Team are trained in Operation Encompass.

Safeguarding Team is led by Mrs Tobin, my Deputy Headteacher who acts as our Designated Safeguarding Lead (or DSL for short). She is also known as Operation Encompass Key Adult, and has been trained in the relevant procedures, allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the students in our care.

Our police force will now also share all relevant details from their policing work, about children who are missing from home, so that we can appropriately understand and support their needs when they return.

I am sharing this information with you to make you aware of this cross-agency working and the fact that we will be made aware of any home-based or community-based events affecting our students by the police.

If, however, there is anything you wish to bring to our attention before such report reaches us, please do by contacting our Safeguarding Team on st@abbotsleaschool.co.uk – we provide an all-year safeguarding support, advice and assistance and so, please do reach out to share information so that we can help.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Hildrey
Headteacher