

CWD/JJA

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Dear Parent/Carer

RE: OPERATION ENCOMPASS

I am writing to inform you that the Academy will be taking part in a jointly run operation between Essex Police and our Academy. This is called 'Operation Encompass'.

This scheme has been designed to provide early reporting to Schools and Academies of any domestic abuse incidents that might have an impact on a child that attends a School or Academy. This approach is used in a number of other places across the UK.

All public agencies currently share information where there are safeguarding concerns or risks of harm to children and the police currently share information on all incidents of domestic abuse in Thurrock with Thurrock Children's Social Care.


To further support the welfare of children, this information sharing is being extended. During the school terms, our Designated Safeguarding Leads will now be informed when any domestic abuse incident has been reported to the Police and when one of our students was in the household.

This has been introduced as we know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally harmed when they are involved in, present or witness to domestic abuse.

This information will be used to ensure our Academy is able to provide appropriate support to our students. The information will remain **confidential** and only shared on a strictly need to know basis, for example, with your child's Progress Leader. This information **will not** be shared with other students.

We look to offer the best support possible for our students and believe that this scheme is going to be beneficial and supportive for all those involved. If you have any concerns, then please contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads, Miss Whitbread or Mrs Hall, who we will be happy to discuss this further with you. Further information about this project can be found on our Academy's website (www.operationencompass.org).

Yours sincerely



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