



What is Operation Encompass?

Operation Encompass is a joint-agency procedure to provide, by next day notification, appropriate support for children and young people, who have experienced domestic abuse in their household.

Partnership working

Operation Encompass is the implementation of key partnerships working between the Metropolitan Police, the local authority and nominated designated safeguarding leads in the school.

Working together to safeguard children, The Metropolitan Police will notify specially briefed Encompass designated safeguarding leads within school (Mrs Rackham and Miss Harding) about any domestic abuse incident where the child or young person has been present, to allow the school to take appropriate steps to support their pupil during what could be an emotionally difficult day. The Encompass designated safeguarding leads within the schools are then able to accommodate the school day to lessen the impact and support the child if they need it. In its simplest form, the child or young person is given some leeway, comfort and support. This can make a huge difference to children and young people in allowing them to have a safe space.

Information shared

The information shared will be only that which is necessary to safeguard children and Young people under 18 years, including:

- Date and time of incident
- Notification that there has been a Domestic incident the day before.

This protocol **DOES NOT** replace or supersede existing protocols, or singularly address child welfare. The protocol should always be followed in conjunction with the current safeguarding procedures and is designed to reinforce safeguarding and ensure children's wellbeing support after a domestic incident.

This knowledge, given to schools through Operation Encompass, allows the provision of next day notification to provide immediate silent observation and awareness. Any further needs identified will be processed via the schools standard pastoral care process.

What will be disclosed?

Details that the child has been present when a domestic incident occurred involving their parents AND the police were called. Operation Encompass is designed as a notification to enable silent support.

How will it be disclosed and when?

This information will be sent to our specially trained Encompass designated safeguarding leads, Mrs Rackham and Miss Harding, through a secure system the following morning after the incident.