



SAFEGUARDING WALLACE

At Wallace there is a clear system for reporting a concern

Worried about a child?

If you are concerned about the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person at Wallace contact a member of the Safeguarding Team in school or Gateway Services



Telephone: 0300 100 0300.



Safeguarding Team

Mr Reid (DT)

Mr Atkinson (VP)

Miss Frey (AHoY)

Mrs Jordan (HoY)

Telephone: 02892 672311







SAFEGUARDING TEAM

NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you are worried about something that is happening to you or someone you know, talk to a teacher who will listen and help.



Mr J Reid Designated Teacher



Mr D Atkinson Deputy Designated Teacher



Miss A Frey Deputy Designated Teacher



Mrs L Jordan Deputy Designated Teacher



WHAT TO DO?

- **OPERATION**ENCOMPASS
- Remember you can speak to any member of staff if you have a concern.
- They will inform Mr Reid (Key Adult) who will listen to you and help you.
- School will be a safe place for you.
- Counselling is available here.

We take part in Operation Encompass

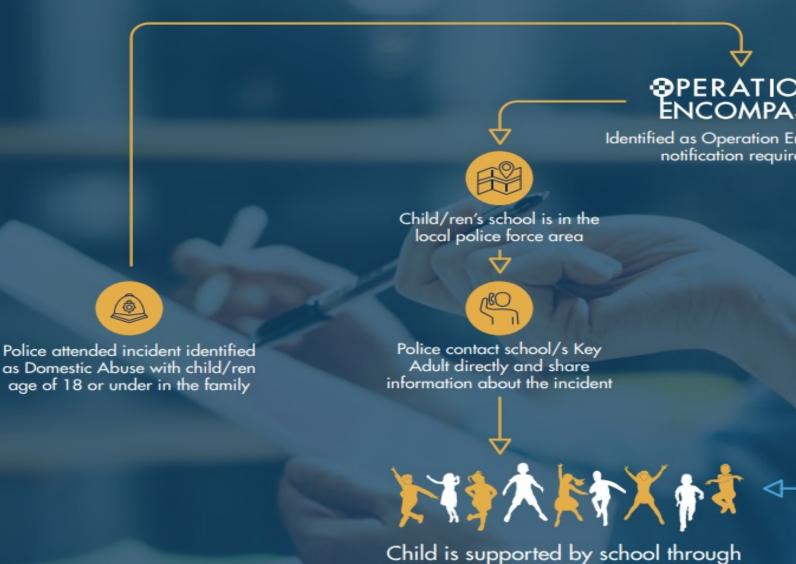


"It's every child's right to be supported and safeguarded."

Operation Encompass is a partnership between the Police Service of Northern Ireland, Safeguarding Board Northern Ireland, the Education Authority and schools, aimed at supporting children who witness domestic violence or abuse in the home.

- Children are highly traumatised when they are present during an incident of domestic abuse.
- If the Police attend a domestic abuse call where children are present, they will contact the child's school before 9am the next morning to share this information with their safeguarding team.
- This will allow officers to pass on relevant information to the school the child attends so that the right support can be put in place.
- Operation Encompass helps get these children access to emotional support in a school environment where they are already familiar and have trusted adults around them.
- The information shared by the police is treated in strict confidence.

Police Information Sharing Pathways





Identified as Operation Encompass notification required

Operation Encompass



Child/ren's school is not in the local police force area



Local Police contact Operation Encompass operational lead in the child's school force area and pass information about the incident



Police in school force area contact school/s Key Adult directly and share information about the incident



Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience.

We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care.

This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want.

Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right¹.

Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident.

We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this.

¹ Domestic Abuse Act 2021



Operation Encompass is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership enabling support for children and young people who are experiencing domestic abuse.



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