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### **Re: Operation Encompass - update**

The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in, or witness to, a domestic abuse incident.

Domestic abuse impacts on children in a number of different ways.

Children are at increased risk of physical injury during an incident, either by accident or because they attempt to intervene. Even when not directly injured, children are greatly distressed by witnessing the physical and emotional suffering of a parent, or member of their family.

Operation Encompass has been created to address this situation

It is the implementation of key partnership working between the police and schools across the whole country. The aim of sharing information with local schools is to allow 'Key Adults' the opportunity of engaging with the child and to provide access to support that allows them to remain in a safe but secure familiar environment.

Following the report of an incident of domestic abuse the school's Key Adult will be informed, by 9.00am on the next school day, that the child or young person has been involved in a domestic incident. This knowledge, given to schools through Operation Encompass, allows the provision of immediate early intervention through silent or overt support, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.

The purpose and procedures in Operation Encompass have been shared with all parents and governors, and is detailed as part of the school's Safeguarding Policy and published on our school website.

Here at XII Apostles RCPS, our Key Adult is Mrs Anne Nelson, Pastoral Support Lead, who works closely with Mrs Newton and the leadership team in school to ensure all children are safeguarded and supported. Please feel free to contact us if you wish to discuss any aspect of this.