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Cam Hopton C of E Primary School – Safeguarding Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Operation Encompass operates in all police forces across England. The process helps to support schools in providing emotional support and practical help to children.

When police attend an incident of domestic abuse, where children live within the household, a notification will be sent to the relevant school/s the following day to notify us of the incident. The information provided ensures that we have up-to-date information for children who have experienced a domestic abuse incident within the home. We can then use this information to provide further wellbeing support internally.

This tool is also used to send relevant information to schools before midday of the following school day, when a child or young person has been reported missing to the police either by staff at the school or the parent/carer of that child. This is to enable us to support the child if they make their way in to school and to ensure we are fully informed as a safeguarding partner so that we can complete the appropriate safeguarding checks.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as the Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and use the information shared in confidence while ensuring we are able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by friends or families of those who have been reported missing as well as the child or young person themselves if they arrive at school.

You can also find out more information here
<http://www.operationencompass.org/> and
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03y9r5h>

Many thanks,

Mrs Harris

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead

The Safeguarding Team

If you have any concerns about a child's welfare or safety, please speak to a member of the schools safeguarding team.



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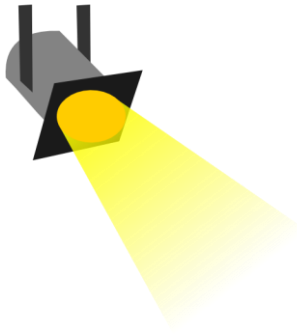
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Christine Knights

Safeguarding Governor

Spotlight on: Domestic Abuse



Domestic abuse is any type of controlling, bullying, threatening or violent behaviour between people in a relationship. It can seriously harm children and young people and witnessing domestic abuse is child abuse.

It's important to remember domestic abuse:

- can happen inside and outside the home
- can happen over the phone, on the internet and on social networking sites
- can happen in any relationship and can continue even after the relationship has ended
- both men and women can be abused or abusers.

Domestic abuse can be emotional, physical, sexual, financial or psychological, such as:

- kicking, hitting, punching or cutting
- rape (including in a relationship)
- controlling someone's finances by withholding money or stopping someone earning
- controlling behaviour, like telling someone where they can go and what they can wear
- not letting someone leave the house
- reading emails, text messages or letters
- threatening to kill someone or harm them
- threatening to another family member or pet.

Living in a home where domestic abuse happens can have a serious impact on a child or young person's mental and physical wellbeing, as well as their behaviour. This can last into adulthood.

If you are experiencing domestic abuse or are concerned about someone who may be, you can contact the following for advice and support:

National Domestic Violence Helpline - 0808 2000 247 - A 24 hour free helpline run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge.

Men's Advice Line - 0808 801 0327 - Advice and support for men experiencing domestic abuse.

Useful contacts:

The Trussell Trust Foodbank – our Family Support Worker, Mrs Hills, is able to access foodbank resources on parents' behalf. Please email fsw@camhopton.gloucs.sch.uk

[Young Minds](#): supporting children and young people's mental health

[Mind](#): adult mental health support and information

[Refuge](#): domestic abuse support

[Saneline Emotional Support](#): 0300 304 7000

[Swindon and Gloucestershire Mind](#): 01452 245338

