



## Operation Encompass

Heathfield Academy is proud to be a part of a project run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police.

Operation Encompass is a partnership between schools and the Metropolitan Police to ensure the safety and well-being of all children in the event of a Domestic Violence incident. The Metropolitan Police will report to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident to which they were called out.

Schools will not be told the details of the incident, but they will be made aware that a child was present when a domestic incident occurred that required police to attend. Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as the Designated Safeguarding Lead, is trained to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident. The school will not be involved in investigating the incident nor will we question the child or parent in any way, however we will be able to offer support and a listening ear if required.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

