

OPERATION ENCOMPASS – Domestic Abuse

Our school is part of a project, run between Merseyside schools and Merseyside Police. The project “Operation Encompass”, has been designed to provide early reporting of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside school, which might have an impact on a child in school. This is done through a notification to school following an incident.

The project ensures that at least one member of the school staff, known as the Key Adult, is trained to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence.

We aim to support each child who has been involved in, or witnessed a domestic abuse incident. The Key Adult at Birkdale Primary is Mrs K. Brand. If she receives an Encompass notification she will make sure that a person the child trusts is available to help if needed. A lot of the time this support is silent; keeping a careful eye on them and making sure the child has a calm school day. The confidential information is ordinarily not shared with all staff, just an agreement on how to help, if needed.

All schools have a duty to share any information with other organisations if they feel a child is at risk of being hurt. The Key Adult may contact other organisations as described in our Child Protection Policy.

The sharing of information from the Police allows the school to be ready to help your child straight away, and it means that parents are aware that the Key Adult knows that something has happened. Parents can come and talk to our Key Adult at any time. The Key Adult can point you towards other people that can help. Our aim is to support children and their families.

If you have any questions about Operation Encompass, please do not hesitate to contact us.