

Learning for Life!

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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that Lonsdale School is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced, witnessed or been present in a home when domestic abuse has taken place.

As a school we have ensured that the staff with responsibility for overseeing safeguarding, known as the Key Adults, have been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, confidently, to support the children in our care. In Lonsdale School our Key Adults are Miss Small (Deputy Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead) and Mrs Thiele (Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead).

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

On 24 May 2024 Royal Assent was granted to The Victims and Prisoners Act. The Act placed Operation Encompass into Law. This places a statutory obligation on police forces to share Operation Encompass notifications with schools/educational settings.

Providing effective support to all of our pupils is paramount to Lonsdale School and through Operation Encompass we will be able to provide the best possible support to our children.

If you have any questions or would like to know more about Operation Encompass, please contact Miss Small or myself.

Yours Sincerely,

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