

Operation Encompass

At Laughton All Saints C of E Primary School, we are proud to be part of Operation Encompass, a national initiative that supports children and young people who are affected by Domestic Violence and Abuse.

Operation Encompass is a partnership between the police and schools, ensuring that our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is informed of any domestic abuse incidents involving our pupils before the start of the next school day. This enables us to offer immediate and appropriate support to children in a safe and secure environment.

We recognise that children are victims of domestic abuse in their own right, as outlined in the Domestic Abuse Act 2021, and we are committed to safeguarding and promoting their welfare.

Our Commitment Includes:

- Staff Training: Our DSL, Deputy DSLs, Safeguarding Governor, and 16 staff members have completed Operation Encompass training.
- Confidentiality: All information shared through Operation Encompass is handled securely and sensitively.
- Parental Engagement: Parents are informed about our participation in Operation Encompass, especially when a child joins our school.
- Continuity of Support: Safeguarding responsibilities and access to Operation Encompass are maintained during staff transitions.
- Governance Oversight: Our Safeguarding Governor monitors Operation Encompass activity using the Key Adult Responsibilities checklist.

We act swiftly and compassionately to support children and families, doing nothing that places them at further risk. Operation Encompass is a vital part of our safeguarding practice and reflects our commitment to the wellbeing of every child.