



Westlands Primary School is part of Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership which ensures a child's/ young person's school is informed of any police involvement.

This may be where a child has been exposed to an incident that may impact them during school the following day.

Each school is informed of all such incidents, not just those where an offence can be identified or those graded as high risk. The partnership recognises that all domestic abuse, vulnerable child and missing incidents can be harmful to children.

The information will be shared throughout the year, including school holidays and weekends. Information will only be shared with the school by the police where it is identified that a young person was present, witnessed or was involved.

Nominated members of staff have been trained to liaise with the police.

Our nominated members of staff are Mrs Pettett and Miss Weston.

They will be able to use the information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure the school makes provision for possible difficulties experienced by children and their families. The nominated members of staff will keep this information confidential and will only share it on a need to know basis.

The purpose of Operation Encompass is to safeguard and support children who have been involved in domestic abuse, vulnerable child or missing incidents.

Operation Encompass has been created to address such situations that create a safeguarding risk to young people. The aim of sharing information allows our nominated staff to engage with the children and provide support that allows them to remain safe but secure. This knowledge, given to educational establishments through Operation Encompass allows provision of immediate early intervention through silent or overt support dependent on the needs and wishes of the child.

As a school, we are keen to offer the best possible for our pupils and Operation Encompass has shown that it is beneficial and supportive of all those involved.