



The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and the Metropolitan Police Service. This project is known as Operation Encompass.

This is a new way of sharing information with schools specifically regarding Domestic Violence incidents. Operation Encompass is the notification to schools that a child (under 18) has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a specially trained member of the school staff, known as a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is informed. The DSL can then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to ensure the wellbeing of the child.

It is designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school but which might have an impact on a child attending school the following day. The school may be able to make provisions or adjustments to assist the child and their family. This information is shared on school days during the school term. When incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday or a Sunday, the police contact the relevant school the following Monday.

At Haydon the DSL (Mrs Wall) has been trained to liaise with the police. The DSL is able to use information that has been shared with them, in confidence, to ensure that the school is able to support children and their families. Information is shared where it is identified that a child or young person resides at an address where a domestic abuse incident took place. The information is shared by email, even during the school holidays. This enables our safeguarding team to ensure that they can check that relevant safeguarding procedures have been put in place and that any of our children that have either witnessed a domestic incident or are impacted by a domestic incident are at the centre of any decision-making that takes place.

Here at Haydon, we are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that subscribing to Operation Encompass will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.