



# Oughton Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Operation Encompass

In Hertfordshire, there has always been the exchange of information between the police and schools concerning incidents of domestic abuse. Recently, the Local Authority, Hertfordshire Constabulary, and other key stakeholders have looked to improve the speed at which information on domestic abuse is shared.

Oughton Primary and Nursery School has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Hertfordshire Constabulary. Operation Encompass is the notification to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, of incidents where a child has experienced or been exposed to any domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared in confidence. At Oughton Primary and Nursery School, that member of staff will be Mrs Clayton, who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead, working alongside Mrs Woollon and Mrs Phillipson who are Designated Safeguarding Persons. We will ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have experienced a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Clayton  
Headteacher