

Our ref: Operation Encompass

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Dear Parent/Carer

Shaftesbury School has been given the opportunity to work in partnership with our local police force on a new safeguarding initiative called 'Operation Encompass'.

The aim of this initiative is for police to share with the school, prior to the school day, information on a child or young person who has been exposed to or involved in an incident of Domestic Abuse. This communication with the school will be made directly to a Key Adult within the school and will include risk information about the child or young person, but will not include all the information obtained by the police around the incident. This new initiative will improve the speed of the information sharing to the school to allow the school to act on support and interventions when the child needs it most. This will support the long term wellbeing of children affected by Domestic Abuse.

The Key Adults within the school are Safeguarding and Operation Encompass trained to manage this information correctly and act on it effectively. The Key Adult has the responsibility to share this information with staff where necessary and in strictest confidence. It allows the school to offer the child or young person the personalised support they may need for that day and longer term. It enables the school to safeguard the child affected by these incidents.

We believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved and also Shaftesbury School to continue their pastoral and safeguarding support to the highest level. If you would like to know more about Operation Encompass, please visit www.operatonencompass.org

Yours faithfully



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