

Mount St. Joseph

"A community of Learners, Believers and Friends"

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Dear parents and carers,

Operation Encompass

At Mount St Joseph School, the safety, wellbeing and safeguarding of all our students remains our highest priority. We are writing to inform you that the school participates in **Operation Encompass**, a partnership between schools, the police and safeguarding services.

Operation Encompass enables the police to inform a school, usually before the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced, witnessed or been present during a domestic abuse incident involving the police.

The purpose of this information sharing is **not to investigate the incident in school**, but to ensure that appropriate support can be available for the child when they arrive at school. We recognise that experiences at home can affect a young person's emotional wellbeing, concentration, behaviour and readiness to learn.

Information received through Operation Encompass is treated sensitively and confidentially. It is shared only with appropriately trained members of the school's safeguarding team who need the information in order to support the student.

Support will always be proportionate to the individual needs of the child and may include:

- a discreet check-in with a trusted member of staff;
- additional pastoral support during the school day;
- flexibility and understanding where a student is experiencing emotional distress;
- access to appropriate wellbeing or safeguarding support; and
- liaison with relevant professionals where this is necessary to safeguard and support the child.

Operation Encompass forms part of our wider commitment to ensuring that every student at Mount St Joseph School feels **safe, supported and able to learn**.

If you have any questions about Operation Encompass or would like further information about the safeguarding support available within school, please contact the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to keep our students safe.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Draper
Designated Safeguarding Lead