

# Operation Encompass

# What is it?

Operation Encompass is a unique Police and Education early intervention safeguarding partnership enabling support for children exposed to domestic abuse.

# How will it work?

When the Police attend a domestic incident where children or young people have been exposed a nominated Key Adult in the child's school will be informed **prior** to the start of the next school day. This enables support to be given dependant upon the needs and wishes of the child.

# Why is it important?

- Witnessing domestic violence is as harmful to a child as being directly on the receiving end
- Being exposed to domestic violence is an adverse childhood experience and the more of these experiences a child has the greater the negative impact on their mental and physical health

# Who else should know about Operation Encompass?

- The Governing Body
- Parents
- New parents - Information in the school Prospectus
- The wider community – Information on the school website

# What happens after the police have rung the school?

- The Key Adult will use the information to ensure that the child receives support, either openly or covertly, from a trusted adult
- Any information passed on to you by the Key Adult must remain confidential, in the same way as any other safeguarding information