

# CARDINAL WISEMAN

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### **Safeguarding Matters and Operation Encompass Letter to Parents/Carers**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that with effect from September 2021, Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School will be taking part in a joint operation involving Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham City Council, and West Midlands Police. This will formally be known as **Operation Encompass**

Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident.

We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour in class.

Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school will now receive a confidential phone call or email from West Midlands Police before 9am the morning after a child or young person has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

Here at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School we have a dedicated and child-focussed Safeguarding Team.

Mr. Beckett - Senior Assistant Head Teacher – DSL (Designated Safeguarding Lead)

Mrs. Evitts – Safeguarding Officer – Deputy DSL

Mr. Allen – SENCO – Deputy DSL

Dr. Beavan - Senior Assistant Head Teacher - Deputy DSL

Mrs. Bland – Attendance Officer

Mr. Swanwick – Head Teacher - Deputy DSL

Mr. Kerr – Head of Emmaus - Deputy DSL

Both myself, and Mrs. Evitts have specially been trained to effectively use the information the Police share, in confidence, and enable the school to provide the right support to any child and their family in regards to Operation Encompass.

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

More information can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

However, if you have any concerns or questions regarding Operation Encompass, please don't hesitate to contact me, and I will be happy to discuss them with you.

I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention that the Safeguarding tab on our website has been update and includes the following:

- ✓ Safeguarding Team
- ✓ Updated Safeguarding Policy (Sept 2021)
- ✓ Links to the NSPCC
- ✓ Keeping Children Safe in Education 2021
- ✓ Working Together to Safeguard Children
- ✓ Abuse in Schools – helpline

This term we will be adding an additional tab called Operation Encompass.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Beckett  
Senior Assistant Head Teacher