

# CARDINAL WISEMAN

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### Operation Encompass

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School takes part in a joint operation involving Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham City Council, and West Midlands Police called **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 after a child 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 that are here to support pupils where necessary.

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.westmidlands.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/oe/operation-encompass/>

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.

Yours sincerely,

Mr A Beckett  
Senior Assistant Head Teacher