



### **Operation Encompass**

#### **What is Operation Encompass?**

Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership-enabling schools to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass was created, following an identification of the failure in agencies sharing information with schools, related to domestic abuse. It has reported success in the area of Knowsley.

In the Pan Cheshire region, Operation Encompass is an initiative between the local safeguarding boards across Cheshire East, Cheshire West and Cheshire and Chester Police, with support from the complex dependency programme.

Its purpose is to safeguard and support young people where a domestic incident has been reported from their home. Following such an incident, a child may arrive late, distressed and unprepared to learn. Operation Encompass will ensure that the appropriate schools are made aware early enough to support children and young people in a way that makes them feel safe and listened to.

#### **How does it work?**

Each morning a Warrington based police officer from the Integrated Referral Unit will review all domestic abuse and violent incidents that would indicate domestic abuse. In incidents where children are living at home and aged between 4 and 18 years old, the school will be contacted by telephone and information will be passed to the safeguarding officers.

The staff will then be able to support the child in an appropriate manner.

The Kassia Academy has four Safeguarding Officers.

- **Designated Safeguarding Lead - Mrs L Regan (All Sites)**
- **Deputy Safeguarding Lead – Mrs K Cooper (All Sites)**
- **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Emma Wilcox**
- **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Tracy Wilcock**

