

The Deanery Church of England High School is part of Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a national police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children who experience domestic abuse. Operation Encompass is in place in every police force in England and Wales, the Isle of Man, Jersey, Guernsey, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Gibraltar. Children were recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right in the 2021 Domestic Abuse Act.

Operation Encompass means that the police will share information with the school about **all** police-attended domestic abuse incidents which involve any of the school's pupils, prior to the start of the next school day. The notification informs the school about the context of the incident and includes the voice of the child.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs L Quirk, has attended Operation Encompass National Online Key Adult training in May 2025, and has cascaded the principles of Operation Encompass to all other staff. All staff are encouraged undertake the online training. The school's Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads and Safeguarding Governor also completed the training in May 2025.

Parents have been made aware that The Deanery Church of England High School is an Operation Encompass school. The school ensures that when a new pupil joins the school, parents/carers are informed about Operation Encompass via the Parent handbook and website. The Operation Encompass notification is stored in line with all other confidential safeguarding and child protection information on CPOMS.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead has led training for all staff and governors about Operation Encompass, the prevalence of domestic abuse and the impact of this abuse on children.

The school has also discussed how pupils who experience domestic abuse on a day-to-day basis can be supported, particularly following an Operation Encompass notification. The school has used Operation Encompass Handbooks to inform its thinking and is fully aware that nothing must be done which puts pupils or the non-abusing adult at risk.

The Safeguarding Governor provides anonymised termly reports to governors.

The school has used the Operation Encompass Key Adult responsibilities checklist to ensure that all appropriate actions are taken by the school.

When the Headteacher/Key Adults leave the school's employment and replacement staff are appointed, all Operation Encompass log-in details will be shared with the new Headteacher/Key Adults. All new staff will undertake Operation Encompass online training.