



11th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that St Margaret's Academy is part of Operation Encompass, which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass means that police report to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced or witnessed any form of domestic abuse.

As the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, I have been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures, which allows us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the children in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

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

Dr D Silverstone, Assistant Principal