



## **Standish Community High School Supports Operation Encompass, Wigan**

The purpose of Operation Encompass, Wigan is to safeguard and support children and young people who have been involved in, been witness to, or are affected by (even if not present), a domestic abuse incident. Domestic abuse impacts upon children in a number of ways. Children are at increased risk of physical injury during an incident, either by accident, or because they attempt to intervene. Even when not directly injured, children are greatly distressed by witnessing the physical and emotional suffering of a parent.

Encompass has been created to address this situation. It is the implementation of a key working partnership between Wigan Safeguarding Children Board, Greater Manchester Police and Wigan schools. The aim is to share information with schools about domestic abuse incidents affecting their students, to allow 'Key Adults' at school the opportunity of engaging with the child at school, and to provide access to pastoral care that allows them to feel supported in a safe but secure familiar environment.

Following attendance by police at an incident of domestic abuse, where a Standish school student is present, or is affected, by 9.00 am the following day (or on Monday, if the incident occurs on Friday, Saturday or Sunday) two Key adults at Standish Community High School will be informed that the student has been involved in a domestic incident. This knowledge, given to schools through the Operation Encompass protocol, allows the provision of immediate early intervention, through silent or overt support, depending upon the needs and wishes of the child or young person.

The purpose and procedure in Operation Encompass have been shared with all parents and governors. Operation Encompass sits alongside and complements Standish Community High School's Safeguarding Policy, the responsibilities and procedures of which, remain unaffected by it, and which can be viewed on this website [here](#).

Our Key Adults are Mr Sean Peters (Assistant Head Teacher) and Mr David Morgan (Pastoral Leader / Head of Year 11) both trained and experienced members of the school's 'safeguarding team.'