



STOCKPORT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Dear Parent

From September 2019 our school will be taking part in the Operation Encompass project that runs in partnership with Stockport Safeguarding Board and Greater Manchester Police.

Operation Encompass has been designed to provide early reporting to schools of any domestic abuse incidents that occur outside of school which might have an impact on a child attending school the following day. Information will be shared where it is identified that a child was present, witnessed or was involved in a domestic abuse incident. The information will be shared by the police with the school prior to the start of the next school day. When incidents occur on a Friday, Saturday or Sunday, the police will contact school prior to the following Monday.

Nominated members of school staff, known as Key Adults, have been trained to liaise with the police. At Stockport Grammar our Key Adults are Mrs White, Deputy Head (Pastoral), and Mrs Lawson, Head of Lower School. Mrs White is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and Mrs Lawson is a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. Mrs White and Mrs Lawson will be able to use information that has been shared with them to ensure that the school is able to support children and their families. The information will be treated as confidential and will only be shared with the necessary, relevant staff.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe that Operation Encompass will be beneficial for our children and families. Children experiencing domestic abuse are negatively impacted by this exposure; domestic abuse has been identified as an Adverse Childhood Experience and can lead to emotional, physical and psychological harm. Operation Encompass aims to mitigate this harm by enabling immediate support for a child.

If you would like more information about Operation Encompass details can be viewed online at www.operationencompass.org or you can contact Mrs White by email at whitej@stockportgrammar.co.uk or by phoning the school on 0161 456 9000.

Yours faithfully

Mrs J White
Deputy Head (Pastoral)

