



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that Wood Green Academy is part of a joint operation involving Sandwell Children's Trust, and West Midlands Police. This is formally known as **Operation Encompass**.

Operation Encompass has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident.

We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour in class.

Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school is notified by Sandwell Children's trust of any recent incidents where a child or young person has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident from the police

Here at **Wood Green Academy** we have a dedicated and child-focussed Safeguarding Team. They are trained to effectively use the information the Police share, in confidence, and enable the school to provide the right support to any child and their family.

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

More information can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

However, if you have any concerns or questions regarding Operation Encompass, please don't hesitate to contact me, and I will be happy to discuss them with you.

Yours sincerely

Ms R Donaghie

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