



Operation Encompass.

Wellesley Prep School takes part in **Operation Encompass**, a nationally recognised safeguarding partnership between schools and the police.

Operation Encompass ensures that schools are informed, before the start of the next school day, when a child may have been present at or affected by a police-attended domestic abuse incident. The purpose of this early notification is to enable schools to offer timely, sensitive and appropriate support to children who may be experiencing worry or distress.

When such an incident occurs, the police share **only the child's name** with the school via a secure system. No further details about the incident are provided. At Wellesley, this information is received confidentially by our **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**, Mr Bickford, who has been specially trained in Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to ensure that the child is supported at school, should they need it, while maintaining privacy and discretion.

The **Domestic Abuse Act 2021** recognises that children who experience domestic abuse are victims in their own right. Our involvement in Operation Encompass reflects our ongoing commitment to safeguarding, wellbeing and pastoral care for every child.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact **Mr Bickford, Designated Safeguarding Lead**, who will be happy to discuss this with you in confidence.

January 2026

