

Dear Parents and Carers,

Crabbs Cross Academy is proud to be part of the national Operation Encompass scheme. Operation Encompass is a police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership that supports children and young people who have been exposed to domestic abuse.

The scheme enables police forces to notify a child's school or early years provider, specifically the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Sallyanne Dunstan, by the next school day following an incident of domestic abuse where a child has been present, affected, or involved. This timely sharing of information allows us to provide immediate and appropriate support to help safeguard the child's wellbeing and emotional welfare.

On 24 May 2024, Operation Encompass became statutory through the Victims and Prisoners Act 2024, placing a legal duty on police forces to share Operation Encompass notifications with educational settings.

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

As an educational setting, we have ensured that Mrs Sallyanne Dunstan and Miss Kim Power are fully trained in Operation Encompass procedures. Any information shared with the school is treated in the strictest confidence and used solely to ensure that appropriate support is provided for the child or children involved.

At Crabbs Cross Academy, the safety, wellbeing and emotional welfare of our pupils are at the heart of everything we do. Through our participation in Operation Encompass, we are committed to working closely with families, the police and other agencies to ensure that children receive timely, sensitive and effective support whenever it is needed. We believe that by working together, we can help every child feel safe, valued and ready to learn.

If you are experiencing domestic abuse, please talk to someone. You can contact our safeguarding team via our email: safeguardingteam@cca.endeavourschools.org

Alternatively, there are some helpful domestic abuse support helplines and contact details listed on the next page.



Mrs Sallyanne Dunstan

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)
Contact: 01527 543624

Domestic Abuse Support and Helplines

If you, a family member, or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, support is available. You do not have to face this alone.

Emergency

- **Police Emergency: 999**
- If you are unable to speak, call **999** and press **55** when prompted.
[\[worcesters...ire.gov.uk\]](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk)

Worcestershire Support

- **West Mercia Women's Aid Domestic Abuse Helpline (Worcestershire): 0800 980 3331**
Free, confidential support, advice, safety planning and access to specialist domestic abuse services. [\[West Mercia...omen's Aid\]](https://www.westmercia.women'said.org.uk),
[\[findahelpline.com\]](https://findahelpline.com)

National Support

- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours): 0808 2000 247**
Free, confidential support available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Run by Refuge. [\[nationalda...ine.org.uk\]](https://nationaldomesticabusehelpline.org.uk), [\[refuge.org.uk\]](https://refuge.org.uk)

Support for Men

- **Men's Advice Line: 0808 801 0327**
Confidential support for male victims of domestic abuse.
[\[worcesters...ire.gov.uk\]](https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk)
- **Worcestershire Male Domestic Abuse Service: 0800 014 9082**
[\[worcesterbid.com\]](https://www.worcesterbid.com)