

06.0a OPERATION ENCOMPASS SAFEGUARDING

This policy was adopted by Powick Preschool on 27th February 2023

Powick Preschool setting is part of Operation Encompass.

Operation Encompass is a national police and education early intervention safeguarding partnership which supports children and young people who experience Domestic Violence and Abuse, and which is in place in every police force in England and Wales.

Children were recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right in the 2021 Domestic Abuse Act.

Operation Encompass means that the police will share information with our setting about all police attended Domestic Abuse incidents that involve any of our funded children PRIOR to the start of the day, or as soon as the information becomes available.

Once the DSL and deputy DSL have completed the online Operation Encompass Training, they will cascade the principles of Operation Encompass to all other staff. All staff can undertake the online training.

All staff understand the principles of Operation Encompass and their role within the process. Our parents are fully aware that we are an Operation Encompass Early Years Setting, and we ensure that when a new child joins our setting, the parents/carers are informed about Operation Encompass.

The Operation Encompass information is stored in line with all other confidential safeguarding and child protection information.

As an Early Years childcare setting, we have discussed how we can support our children who are experiencing Domestic Violence and Abuse on a day to day basis and particularly following the Operation Encompass notification.

We have used the Operation Encompass Handbooks to inform our thinking.

We are aware that we must do nothing that puts the child/ren or the non-abusing adult at risk.

Any Operation Encompass notifications received will be recorded on the Call Log and Senior Management will be kept informed.

We have used the Operation Encompass Key Adult Responsibilities checklist to ensure that all appropriate actions have been taken at our childcare setting.

When new staff are appointed at our setting, Operation Encompass will be included within their induction.