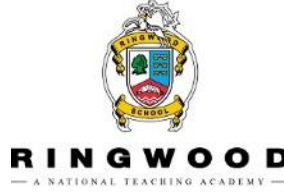




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Dear Parent/Carer

Ringwood School has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly with Hampshire Constabulary. This initiative is called Operation Encompass.

The aim of this initiative is for the police to share information with the school, prior to 9am on the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to or involved in an incident of Domestic Abuse. This disclosure will include risk information affecting the child or young person, but not all information obtained by the police at the incident. This information is already being shared with school but there are often delays. This new initiative improves the speed of the information sharing to the school to allow early support to be put in place for a child when it may be needed the most. This will support the long term wellbeing of children affected by domestic abuse.

The information shared will be received by a dedicated member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, who is appropriately trained to manage this information. This allows them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared in confidence. This enables the school to implement support and safeguarding for children and young people affected by these incidents.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all children and young people and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. If you would like to know more about Operation Encompass please visit www.operationencompass.org

Yours sincerely

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