



Supporting children through key adults

Purpose: *"to safeguard children and young people who are affected by domestic abuse by ensuring appropriate services are made aware of an incident at the earliest possible opportunity."*

Following any domestic abuse incident being reported to the Police the Police create a CCN (Child Concern Notification) for any children living at the address. This CCN is sent to Children's Services who then send this out to nominated Key Adult's in school. This ensures that the school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children in a way that means they feel safe and listened to.

Witnessing domestic abuse is very distressing for a child or young person who often see the abuse, hear it from another room, see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards, or can be physically hurt by trying to intervene.



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Purpose: *"To safeguard children and young people who are at risk of harm from going missing by ensuring appropriate services are made aware of an incident at the earliest possible opportunity."*

Following any child being reported missing to the Police the Police create a CCN (Child Concern Notification). This CCN is sent to Children's Services who then send this out to nominated Key Adult's in school. This ensures that the school is made aware at the earliest possible opportunity and can subsequently provide support to children when they return.

Children who go missing from home are at risk of significant harm and they may be vulnerable to sexual exploitation, violent crime, gang exploitation or to drug and alcohol misuse.



Our school has been given the opportunity to take part in a new Home Office approved project. It is being led by the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner and Northumbria Police in partnership with Barnardo's and Operation Encompass. The project, named Operation Encompass the Next Steps, aims to form part of a wider strategy to break the cycle of Domestic Abuse through education and support.

The project will help all children in Northumbria to learn about friendships, relationships, emotions and rules so that they can live and work together safely.

Our school will also benefit from having one of twelve School Safeguarding Liaison Officers who will:

- ❖ Work with our teachers to deliver an age appropriate session exploring aspects of Domestic Abuse/friendships /relationships/emotions.
- ❖ Be available in school at specified times so that children and parents can talk about issues that they may have around relationships and Domestic Abuse.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for children and the whole school community.