

## Operation Encompass and Domestic Violence/Abuse

### Operation Encompass



Operation Encompass is a partnership between police and schools to support children and young people who have been exposed to domestic abuse or other forms of adverse childhood experience. The partnership enables police forces to share information with schools about incidents of domestic abuse involving their pupils. BBEC work with the West Yorkshire Police and Operation Encompass to ensure that appropriate support is put in place for children witnessing domestic abuse. The main aim is to ensure that we make the next day better and help the child to access any additional support they may need.

### Domestic Abuse

Domestic abuse is any type of controlling, coercive, bullying, threatening or violent behaviour between people in a relationship. But it isn't just physical violence – domestic abuse includes emotional, physical, sexual, financial or psychological abuse.

Abusive behaviour can occur in any relationship. It can continue even after the relationship has ended. Both men and women can be abused or abusers.

Domestic abuse can seriously harm children and young people. Witnessing domestic abuse is child abuse, and teenagers can suffer domestic abuse in their relationships.

### Children and young people witnessing domestic abuse

Witnessing domestic abuse is very distressing and scary for a child and can cause serious harm. Children living in a home where domestic abuse is happening are at risk of other types of abuse too. Children can experience domestic abuse or violence in lots of different ways. They might:

- see the abuse
- hear the abuse from another room
- see a parent's injuries or distress afterwards
- be hurt by being nearby or trying to stop the abuse

### Additional Information for parents and pupils

**In an emergency, call 999**

Operation Encompass <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

[National Domestic Violence Helpline for Women](#): Freephone: 0808 2000 547

[Home - Bradford DASV](#) Telephone 0808 2800 999

[Men's Advice Line](#) (for men who are victims of domestic abuse). Phone: 0808 801 0327

