

## South Dartmoor Academy

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## Dear parents and carers

Both South Dartmoor Community College and Atrium Studio School are partners in Operation Encompass. Operation Encompass is an initiative that is currently running throughout the UK, within Devon it is a project that runs jointly between schools and Devon and Cornwall Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic incident.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in, or exposed to, a domestic abuse incident.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our students and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved. Safeguarding is at the heart of everything we do at the School, and our participation in Operation Encompass will further help safeguard our students.

If you would like further information on this Nationwide initiative, please visit <a href="https://www.operationencompass.org/">https://www.operationencompass.org/</a> or alternatively contact the safeguarding team at school.

Yours faithfully

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Designated Safeguarding Lead

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