



*In the Light of Jesus
we Learn to Shine*

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Catholic Schools' Partnership

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools, Luton Borough Council and Bedfordshire Police.

Operation Encompass is the reporting tool sending the relevant information to schools, before midday of the next school day when a child or young person has been reported missing to the police, whether that is by yourself or a respective guardian or when a child or young person has experienced, any domestic abuse.

This is to enable the school (as a professional safeguarding partner) to be made aware of the missing incident for their information and be in a position to support the child should they still make their way into school. As a professional partner the school are also able to complete a 'safeguarding check' on the child and we can close a missing report based on the information. This would then not require a police presence which may affect any disclosures or information being provided.

The school are not being asked to be information gathers but to provide support and guidance when speaking with the child. In the interest of safeguarding the child and their environment though the information may be shared with respective safeguarding partners following partnership sharing agreements already in place.

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. This is to ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families of the child/young person who has been reported as missing or has experienced any domestic abuse.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M. Murphy

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