

Safeguarding Bulletin



Hi

Welcome back to a new school year, we wanted to take this opportunity to introduce the safeguarding team at The Rural Enterprise Academy and share some useful information/sources of guidance with parents and carers with regards to keeping our children safe.

Below are the details of the staff responsible for keeping children safe in school, if you need to contact us, please email enquiries@ruralenterpriseacademy.com or call the school office and request that one of us gets in touch with you.

TREA Safeguarding Team:

Mrs Corrigan – Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Sheppard – Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs McVicar - Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Fiddler – Designated Teacher for Looked After Children

Think U Know website

The National Crime Agency have a brilliant website for parents and carers with information and guidance about a large variety of issues around keeping children safe, from online safety and the dark web to starting conversations about sex and relationships. You can filter the advice by age group as well which helps framing conversation with your children and making sure you give the best advice.

<https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/>



National Online Safety

We will often share online safety advice with parents/carers on our social media sites, this information comes from the National College. Their 'Wake Up Wednesday' initiative offers advice about all different types of social media. You can find further information on the website below or follow them on Facebook or Instagram.

<https://nationalcollege.com/news/wakeupwednesday>



Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/thenationalcollegeuk>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/thenatcollege/>

Operation Encompass

We are part of Operation Encompass which is an initiative started by Staffordshire Police, we have outlined below what this means for our school community and the role it takes in keeping children safe.

What is Operation Encompass?

Operation Encompass is a charitable organisation set up in 2011, which has since enabled effective interventions to many thousands of children who have experienced domestic abuse. The creators of Operation Encompass work to ensure that police and schools throughout the country are able to address those impacted by domestic abuse consistently and coherently. Operation Encompass directly connects the police with schools to ensure support for children living with domestic abuse in their homes when there has been a police attended incident of Domestic Abuse. Rapid provision of support within the school environment means children are better safeguarded against the short-, medium- and long-term effects of domestic abuse.

What happens between the police and the school?

When an officer attends the incident and completes the risk assessment on their handheld device, the name(s) of the children who form part of the household (whether present or not) are included. Alongside the details of the child, the officer will select the school that the child attends from the dropdown list. By completing this section of the risk assessment, the officer generates an automatic referral to the school via an email in real time. A nominated lead called the Key Adult is the only person with whom the police will share the information. This is the Designated Safeguarding Lead and the Deputy Safeguarding Leads in school who have both received Operation Encompass training.

Neither the family nor the child will be approached directly about the incident by school, unless this is deemed necessary in relation to safeguarding the child. Teachers, in particular the child's form tutor, may be made aware and will offer discrete, rather than overt support to ensure that a secure and sympathetic environment is provided and the broader effects of abuse are addressed.

In addition to the above websites, we will also share any guidance or information that we receive from Staffordshire Local Authority Safeguarding team. These will be sent out by email to parents and carers or added to the weekly bulletin.

Thanks,

TREA Safeguarding Team