

Our nursery is part of the Operation Encompass scheme, which runs jointly between local early years settings, schools and Merseyside Police.



What is Operation Encompass?

Operation Encompass is a valuable initiative that aims to safeguard and offer immediate support for children experiencing domestic abuse.

Should a domestic abuse incident take place, specialist police officers will make contact with the nursery and communicate relevant and necessary information to the trained Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Saeeda Aslam or Deputy DSL Tahsin Miah (named in Operation Encompass as the '**Key Adult**' or 'Deputy Key Adult'). This will ensure that the nursery is made aware of the situation early enough to be in a better position to understand and provide immediate support according to each child's needs in a way to help ensure the child feels safe and included. Following a domestic abuse incident, children will often arrive at the nursery distressed, upset, worried and unprepared. The sharing of information allows the nursery to be better placed to deal with these feelings and also provides an opportunity for the setting to offer support to the whole family.

We are keen to ensure that we offer the best support possible to the child(ren) and their families and we believe this is going to be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Is it confidential?

The information is given in strict confidence to the nursery's Key Adult to enable them to make provisions for possible difficulties experienced by children or their families. The information provided through Operation Encompass will only be shared on a strict need to know basis and will be stored in line with all other confidential safeguarding and child protection information.

How can I find out more?

You can find out more by visiting www.operationencompass.org or by contacting our Designated Safeguarding Lead Saeed Aslam.

For further advice and support on domestic abuse, please see the following [booklet](#) on advice, guidance and information on dealing with domestic abuse in Liverpool.