

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you about Operation Encompass. This is an innovative project in which schools and colleges in Staffordshire are participating, and which is run in partnership with Staffordshire Police, Stoke on Trent Children's Social Care and Staffordshire Children and Family Services.

Operation Encompass commences in Staffordshire on 26th November 2025 and aims to support children and young people who go missing from home. Children and young people who go missing from home are at risk of significant harm and they may be vulnerable to exploitation, violent crime, gang exploitation, or to drug and alcohol misuse.

As a result, following any report of a child/young person going missing to the Police, the Police will contact the school and communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school staff.

Each school has members of staff (designated safeguarding leads) who have been fully trained in liaising with the Police and Children's Social Care when required, and will ensure that the necessary support is made available to the child or young person following them being located.

I believe that this project demonstrates our school's commitment to working in partnership to safeguard and protect children and young people, and to providing the best possible care and support for our pupils.

In the meantime, if you would like to speak to someone further about the project or require further information please contact our key adults in school/college who are **Kate Baggaley (DSL)** and **Tracy Price (DDSL)**.

Yours Faithfully



Kate Baggaley

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