



St. Julie's Catholic High School

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"We must have courage in the century we live in. Great souls are needed, souls having the interest of God at heart."

St. Julie Billiard



Thursday 22nd February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

In every force. In every school. For every child.

Our school is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse and other issues that may impact upon their wellbeing.

Our police force will now share details about children who are missing from home with us so that we can appropriately understand and support their needs when they return.

As a school we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Mr Willis, Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

On Thursday 22 February we hosted the VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls) city-wide conference. Over 80 representatives attended this event from various organisations to support a proactive multi-agency approach in tackling key issues such as abuse, harassment and stalking. 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 faithfully,

Mrs Kate McCourt
Head Teacher

