

Eastlands Primary School

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Keeping children physical and mental health and wellbeing



About the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

The Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) is a partnership between:

- Warwickshire County Council
- Warwickshire Police
- the National Health Service (NHS)
- other key partner agencies

We work together with partners to safeguard children, young people and adults



NHS deliver government initiatives such as:

- Height and weight checks - Reception & Year 6
- Health & development questionnaires - Reception & Year 6
- Flu immunisations - Reception
- Year 6 wellbeing survey
- Secondary school immunisations
- Health Care Plans
- Support individual families at parents' request

Police support the school in:

- Road safety
- Railway safety
- Support individual families at parents' request
- Operation Encompass - a system of informing schools of domestic violence incidents
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Eastlands Primary is a **nut free school** as we have a child with a life threatening allergy to nuts. Please can we ask that you do not send your child into school with any nuts or products including nuts. Many thanks for your immediate support on this matter. Can I urge parents who have a child with an allergy or chronic health condition to arrange an annual appointment with their practice nurse or the school nurse. Please see below for details.



Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Service

Your school nurse led service is friendly, confidential and free for all school aged children (aged 5 – 19 years*) and their families. We can offer you and your child support on a wide range of health related issues such as:



Child Development
 e.g. bedwetting, sleep, diet

Relationships

Physical Health

Healthy Eating & Lifestyle Choices

Emotional & Mental Health

Bullying

Managing Medicines

Childhood Immunisations

Smoking

Alcohol & Drugs

Sexual Health

If your child has a learning need, disability or long term health condition (e.g. epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, allergies) we can help you get the right care and support.

Friendly

Helpful

Safe

*up to 25 years for young people with special educational needs or disabilities.

For more information about this service please contact the team on:

03300 245 204 or

warwickshireSH&WBSservice@compass-uk.org

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Dear Parent / Carer,

I am writing to inform you that, from the beginning of the academic year 2019/20, the school started to run jointly an operation called Operation Encompass in partnership with Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police. Many other schools in Warwickshire are also participating.

Operation Encompass is a way of working initially developed in south-west England that is already operating successfully in a number of other Local Authority areas. Its objective is to help schools provide support to children who are affected by incidents of domestic violence and abuse.

There is a great deal of research evidence that children can suffer significant physical and/or emotional harm when they are present during, witness or are directly involved in incidents of domestic violence and abuse.

The Operation Encompass process is simply that after any incident of domestic violence or abuse attended by the Police, the Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead at the school attended by any child in the household, will receive a confidential and secure Email on the morning of the next school day.

The Email will only inform the Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead that the Police have attended an incident and will request that the school is mindful of that in their care and responses to the child throughout the school day. The school will not be informed about the specific details of the incident. The only exception would be when Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police deem the incident to be a child protection matter that requires further investigation. Information would then be shared with the school as part of Warwickshire County Council's child protection checks and investigation, which is current practice and will not be changed by Operation Encompass.

The Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead have entered into a formal agreement with Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police to use the information shared to make sure that the right support is available for children who are present during, witness or are directly involved in an incident of domestic violence or abuse. This means that the school will also be in a position to offer parents and carers support as appropriate.

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The confidential information shared securely with the school will be managed and stored with the utmost sensitivity and discretion. We want to assure all parents and carers that only the nominated Designated Safeguarding Lead and me as the Headteacher will see the information shared with the school. We will then use the notification discretely to ensure that teachers and other staff directly in contact with affected children support them with due kindness, care and sensitivity.

The governing body hopes that every parent and carer will endorse the school's decision to participate in this process in order to provide children affected by domestic violence and abuse with appropriate support and understanding.

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

If you have any concerns or questions then please contact me or Ms Haynes who will also receive operation Encompass Notifications and we will be happy to discuss this further.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Edwards.



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