



Diocese of St. Albans



ST MARY'S
CE HIGH SCHOOL



Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you about Operation Encompass. This is an innovative project in which schools and colleges in Hertfordshire are participating, and which is run in partnership with Hertfordshire Police and Hertfordshire Children Services.

Operation Encompass which commences on the 26th April 2021, 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 sexual 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/college and communicate relevant and necessary information to nominated school/college staff.

Each school/college has members of staff (key adults) 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/colleges 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 Designated Senior Leaders in school at the following email address DSP@st-maryshigh.herts.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr Nicholas Simms

Headteacher

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