

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

As you all are aware Operation Encompass stopped when we went into lockdown several weeks ago. This was a decision made by the police centrally and across all London Boroughs as it was felt that the silent monitoring that Encompass required would not be achievable.

I have had lots of conversations with the police highlighting the great work you are all continuing to do and some of the amazing and invented ways you are using to try and maintain contact with your families whether it be checking in on homework, calls to offer support or in some cases dropping off food parcels.

In Sutton we have noted a large spike in DV cases being reported to police and in particular involving families with no previous history with social care. With that in mind Sutton Police have now agreed to restart Operation Encompass notifications today 29th April.

It still stands that this has to be a silent approach and should not automatically trigger a call home, but in this new virtual world this can be maintained when monitoring homework or any virtual lessons and in some cases where previously planned either in person or on the phone.

As we all know Police and Emergency services are currently stretched so for this to continue and have any effect I ask that you please check your Encompass box daily as you normally would. I will still be conducting my Mash checks on the majority of these cases so may be able to share more information on each incident but remember nothing has changed in how you deal with this information. We are enclosing a flyer for to help when supporting families with Domestic Violence but if you have any general questions please drop me an email or call and if you are really concerned and have additional safeguarding concerns then call CFCS on the usual number 0208 770 6001.