

# Saint John Wall Catholic School

## A Catholic School For All



### Mission Statement

'To educate each and every unique child in our care to hear and respond to what God calls them to be'



Issue 1 Weekly Information Bulletin

Date: Friday 9 September 2022

**Catholic Life - This year we are focussing on 'The Year of Sanctuary'.**

**Termly theme: Solidarity (The Good Samaritan)**

**Termly SJW values – Compassionate and Loving**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### Welcome Back

It has been a successful start to the new school year, with pupils returning smart and prepared for learning. We were all, however, saddened by yesterday's announcement from Royal Communications that Queen Elizabeth II died peacefully at Balmoral. Today we have remembered the Queen's strong faith and dedication to service. We pray for her, the Royal Family, the UK and the Commonwealth at this time. We are now in a period of mourning and await guidance regarding the State funeral, and any implications for schools. You may like to visit the following websites which provide information about how the Catholic Church, Birmingham and others are paying their respects. You can also send your own personal message of condolence.

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/News/queen-elizabeth-ii-rest-in-peace>

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/news/article/1188/death-of-queen-elizabeth-ii-how-birmingham-is-paying-its-respects>

<https://www.royal.uk/>

Eternal rest, grant unto Her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon Her. May She rest in peace, Amen.

### Times of the School Day

<b>8.20am - 8.50am</b> You can arrive any time between 8.20am and 8.50am.	<b>Site open for breakfast</b> Pupil arrival, handwashing, separate playgrounds, breakfast service.
8.50am – 9.15am	Weekly Worship/Tutor time including daily prayer
9.15am - 10.30am	<b>Lesson 1</b>
<b>10.30am – 10.50am</b>	<b>Break</b> Use separate playgrounds
10.50am – 12.05pm	<b>Lesson 2</b>
12.05pm – 1.50pm	Lesson 3 (to include split lunches)
<b>12.05pm – 12.35pm</b> <b>Year 7 &amp; Year 8</b> <b>1.20pm – 1.50pm - Year 9, Year 10 &amp; Year 11</b>	<b>Lunch</b> Lunchtime outdoors, use separate playgrounds
1.50pm – 3.10pm	<b>Lesson 4</b> Afternoon prayer is at 3.00pm. School finishes at 3.10pm.



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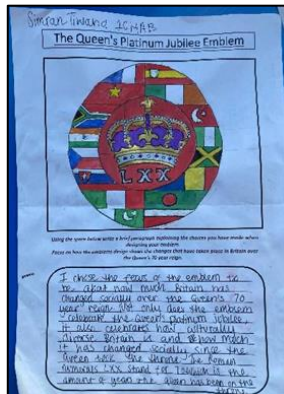
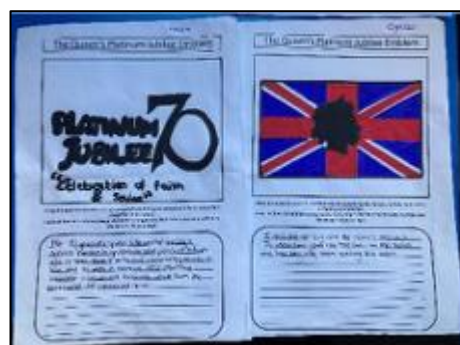
## Celebrating the Queen's Life and Service

Over the years staff and pupils have celebrated various events for the queen.

### The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Party



### Queen's 70 Year Reign – Pupils design an emblem to celebrate her achievement



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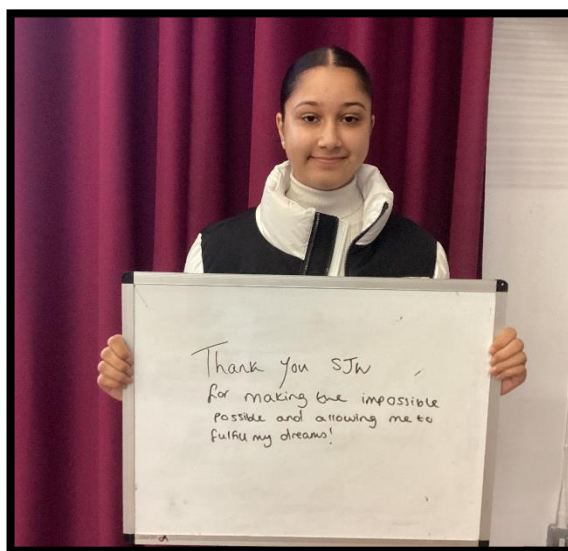
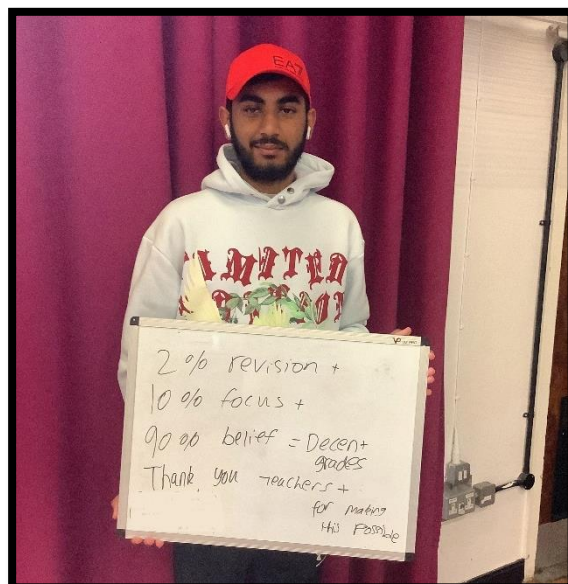
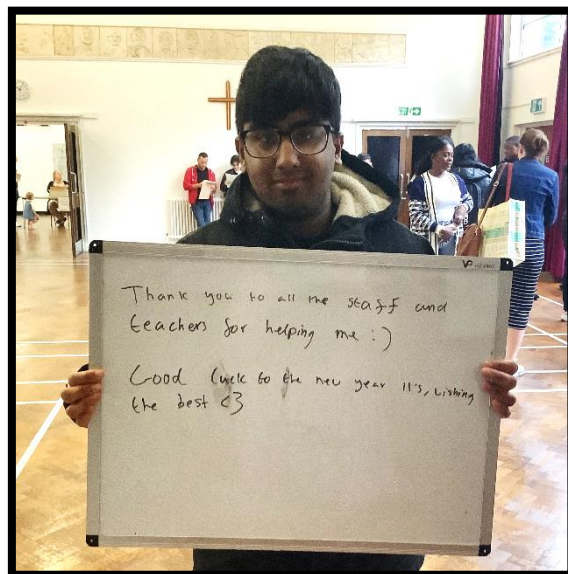


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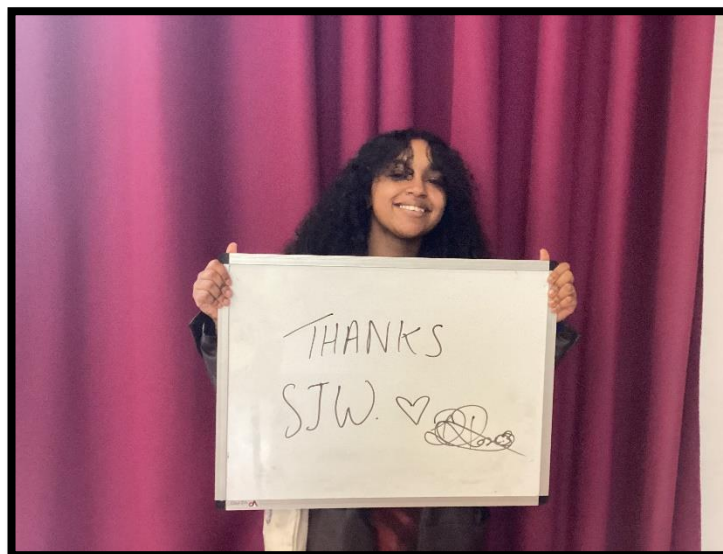
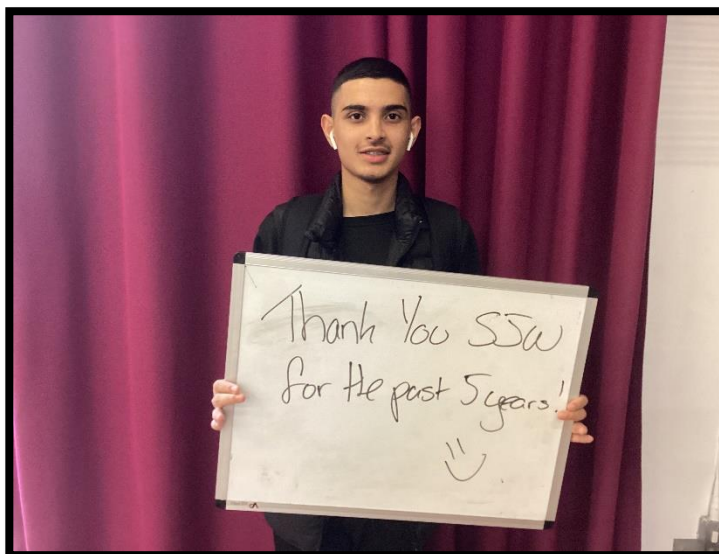
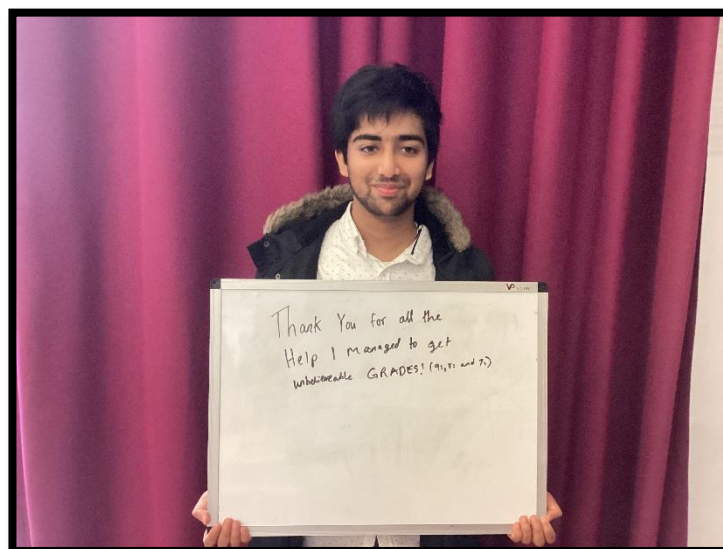
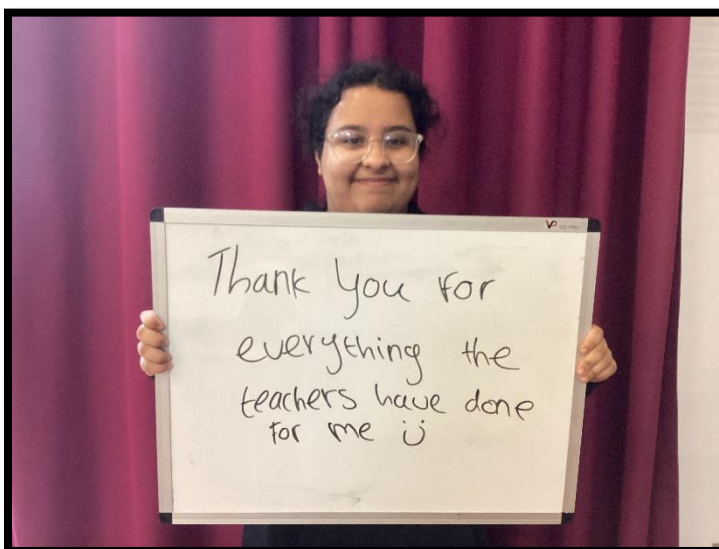
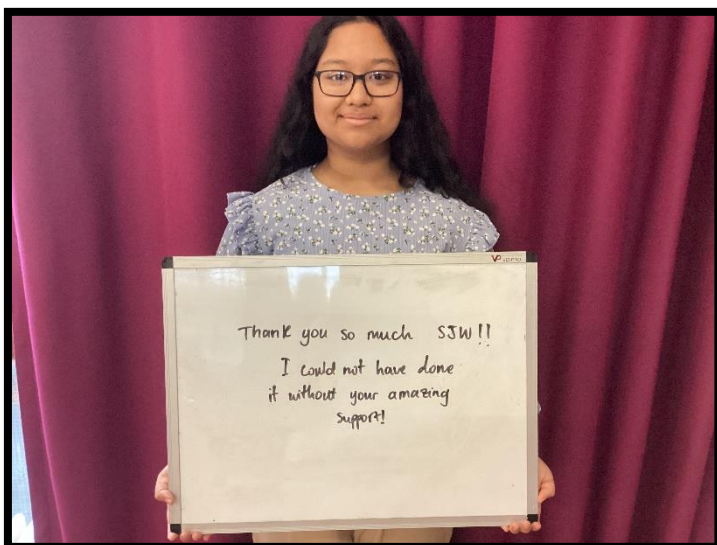
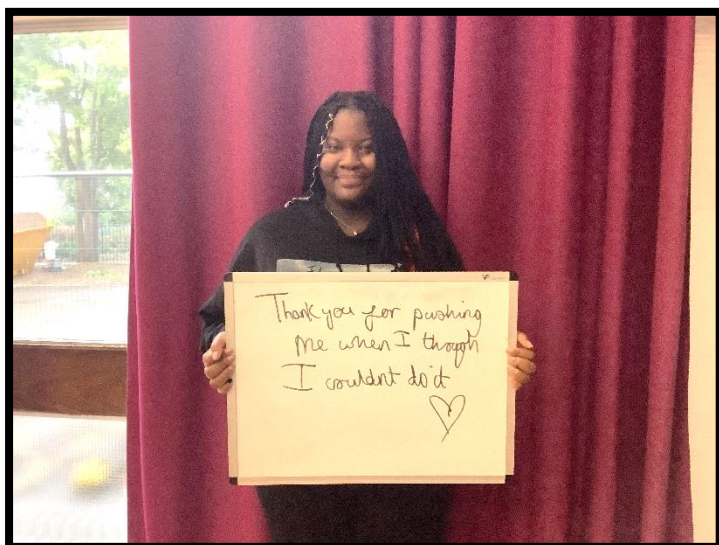


## Examination Results 2022

It was wonderful to see our Year 11s return to school to collect their examination results last month. We achieved really good results - 48% of pupils were awarded a **9-5 grade in English and Maths**, with **58% achieving English and Maths at grades 9-4**. Well done to Year 11s and staff for achieving such great results! We wish Year 11s the very best for the next chapter in their educational journey.







## Welcome to New Members of Staff



**Mr Holder – Deputy Headteacher**

*"I am really looking forward to experiencing a new school and supporting pupils in gaining the skills and grades they need to go on to the next step in their life - whatever this may be."*



**Mr Hartley – Teacher of RE**

*"I will be teaching RE at Saint John Wall Catholic School. I am looking forward to providing outstanding teaching which will allow all pupils to make progress in their learning. I am hoping to achieve success for all pupils".*



**Ms Levine – Teacher of Geography**

*"My name is Ms Levine and I am a Geography teacher. however, some of you in Year 7 may find that I also teach you History. I am also form Tutor to 7LEV.*

*I am passionate about geography and love to find out about the world around me and how it is doing. So, I'm really looking forward to sharing this with all my geographers and to enthusing them about their environment."*



**Miss Sangar – Pupil Coach**

*"I am a 1-to-1 pupil coach. This means I will be working closely with those pupils who need that extra support in lessons. As an ex-pupil I am very excited to be back and getting to know the pupils. During my time here, I hope to help the pupils progress and become confident in class".*



**Miss Sehjail – Pupil Coach**

*"I'm so excited to be joining the Pupil Coach team. I am so grateful to work alongside some great teachers as well as working with the bright pupils of SJW. With this great opportunity, I really hope to encourage, support and aid as many pupils as possible and help them reach their full potential."*



**Miss Antonucci – Teacher of Performing Arts**

*"I am Miss Antonucci, Lead Teacher of Performing Arts. This means I am in charge of everything to do with Performing Arts but especially Music. I am looking forward to getting to know all the pupils and seeing the musical talent shine throughout the school. I am hoping to draw out the musical side to everyone in the school and help everyone understand and appreciate Performing Arts even more!"*



**Mr March - Trainee DT Teacher**

*"My name is Mr March and I will be working within the Design Technology Department. I am really looking forward to meeting all the pupils and developing their skills within Food and DT, so you can enhance your skills and knowledge while acquiring new techniques and ideas that can be used outside of the classroom. I hope to be working with you all and look forward to many happy years at SJW."*

## Catholic Life

### It's good to be back!

We have been to St Mary's Church Coffee Morning once again after the summer break to visit, chat and help with tea and coffee. Our pupils were welcomed with a big round of applause by the coffee morning regulars who said they've missed us immensely. Our next Thursday visit will include Tai Chi which is a firm favourite for everyone including me!

**By Mrs Clayton**







## Head of Year Messages

### Year 7

Welcome to our new Year 7 pupils and their families. All pupils have had a great start to the week and have taken part in lots of activities to ease them into life at Saint John Wall.

It is really important that all pupils are in correct uniform from Monday, our uniform policy can be found on the school website.

On Wednesday Year 7 pupils took part in team-building exercises to encourage conversation with one another and develop their social skills. Points were awarded throughout the day to pupils for leadership, teamwork and willingness to work hard! It was wonderful to see the effort that was put into this by each pupil.

Congratulations to 7ESM who won the team-building challenge overall. A great first win for Pankhurst!



We look forward to meeting parents from next week!

Monday 12 September	2.30-3pm	7RAH
Tuesday 13 September	2.30-3pm	7ESM
Wednesday 14 September	2.30-3pm	7LEV
Thursday 15 September	2.30-3pm	7REG
Friday 16 September	2.30-3pm	7JAS

Well done for completing your first week in Year 7! Enjoy your rest over the weekend.

By Mrs Ellis

### Year 8

Welcome back Year 8. It has been wonderful to see you all looking so smart in your uniforms this week, thank you for your efforts. Could I please request that parents familiarise themselves with the uniform policy once more, this can be found on the school website.

All pupils should have the correct equipment with them in school from Monday: 2 pens, pencil, ruler, eraser, school bag, PE kit. This is vital as Year 8 enter a very important year which culminates in each pupil selecting their qualification pathway. It is expected that each pupil arrives at school every day on time by 8:50am. Please call the school that morning if your child is absent.

Our timings at the end of the school day have now changed to 3:10pm. Please remember this should your child be in an after-school club or detention as this will affect their end times.

By Mrs Ellis

### Year 9

A big welcome back to all the Year 9 pupils, it was wonderful to see you all looking very smart coming down to your Weekly Worship. Hope you all have had a wonderful Summer holiday and are ready for the new academic year. This year will be different as you will be starting your chosen pathways option lessons and I hope you work just as hard as you did in Year 8. Please continue to push yourself to be and do the best you can in all your subjects.

Reminders about standards – uniform needs to be perfect with the appropriate school shoes as well as a school bag and equipment. Please ensure you are on time to school every day as this will support excellent attendance. School starts at 8.50am and finishes at 3.10pm every day. Please continue to use the one-way system around school. You are role models for the younger pupils!

Just to let you know I have also had a change of office I will now be in the office by door B by the girl's toilets, please feel free to say hello.

As always have a wonderful weekend and stay safe.

By Mrs Chand



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## Head of Year Messages

### Year 10

Welcome back to our new school year and it has been great to see you ready for the year ahead and thank you for your excellent attitude during our Year 10 assembly on Thursday. It was good to hear the positive feedback from your form tutors, and you nicely settling back in.

I can confirm, our Weekly Worship is on a Thursday, with the Friday form period, an opportunity to reflect on our Weekly Worship learnings and information.

From next week, you will begin to receive your examination homework booklets, and your first assessment week beginning 10 October, including the results will give you a good indication of the progress you are making. Importantly, we will support and guide you further, but your level of commitment will ultimately determine your learning and progress. Please speak to your teachers and come visit me if you ever have any questions, and we will gladly help.

Please have all your school equipment with you every day and be in full school uniform at all times. We went through the uniform dress code in detail during the week. Please speak to your form tutor, if you are not sure or have any questions. First impressions do count!

Our school day is as follows:

08:50 - 09:15 - Form Time  
09:15 - 10:30 - Period One  
10:30 - 10:50 - Break (Year 10 playground)  
10:45 - 12:05 - Period Two  
12:05 - 13:20 - Period Three  
13:20 - 13:50 - Lunch (Year 10 playground)  
13:50 - 15:10 - Period Four, including Afternoon prayer

As listed above, school start time is 08:50am and please be on time to school. Every minute you are late will add up and directly impact your progress and success, and time management is a vital ingredient in staying on top of everything and minimising stress.

Please remember, we should not be having any physical contact with anyone else, and always behaving with 100% co-operation and respect towards everyone.

I look forward to working with you, and making this an excellent term and academic year for everyone. As always, I will continue to be near and within and around school.

By Mr Hussain

### Year 11

Hello and Welcome back Year 11! This is going to be a big year for you and from our Weekly Worship on Tuesday you have all been given your new forms. These are based around subject areas and you will receive additional teaching to ensure you reach your full potential!

As we move into this year it is important that we keep our standards high and as I mentioned on Tuesday it is important that you start as you mean to go on. You must be in school every day. Every day counts! You must come to school on time in the morning before 8:50am and have visited your lockers before the bell rings!

Please ensure you come to school in the FULL correct uniform- do not leave your school shoes in your locker.

You are going to be given plenty of resources that you will be responsible for, use them and keep them safe.

Some changes have been made which are important to note. The school day is now extended until 15:10. Your break will be 10:30am to 10:50am (an extra 5 minutes!). Finally, my office has changed- you will now find me located in the technology block opposite T2, so if you need to find me at any point please come over and see me. I am here to help and want the best for you!

Have a fantastic half term and remember our new #champion!

By Miss Reynolds

## Meet your House Coordinator

I am thoroughly excited to be taking over the role as House coordinator for this academic year. We will have some fun and exciting competitions and fundraisers in September starting with a Year 7 mini games series and Macmillan coffee morning being held on the 30<sup>th</sup> September.

Whilst Year 7 were taking part in team building activities on Wednesday, I was extremely impressed by their support and encouragement for one another, as were the visitors who ran the session. Due to the brilliant feedback I have considered the scores they accumulated over the day to go towards the first house competition of the year! The results were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> place - Pankhurst  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Luther king  
3<sup>rd</sup> place - Mandela  
4<sup>th</sup> place - Gandhi  
5<sup>th</sup> place - John Paul

Well done Year 7 for making the first contributions to house points for this academic year!

By Miss Young



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# Donations of Uniform

Do you have any items of uniform at home?

Would you like to donate them to our school?



Black school trousers -  
Girls or Boys

White plain shirts

PE navy shorts  
PE navy joggers



School coats

Blazers

SJW ties

Black school skirts

**Any donations will be very much appreciated.**



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# Internet Safety Notice

**Are you aware of what your child is looking up on the internet?**

**Have you checked your parental controls with your internet provider?**

**The laptops which were provided through the DfE because of lockdown have some safeguarding monitoring software on them called SMOOTHWALL.**

Smoothwall is software which monitors what you type into the laptop (both at home and when using computers in school). However, in school any inappropriate material is blocked to keep your child safe, BUT, if your parental controls are not set correctly your child could be accessing inappropriate materials in your own home.

## What are parental controls?

Parental controls help you to block or filter upsetting or inappropriate content, and control purchases within apps. You can install parental control software on your child's and family's phones or tablets, games consoles, laptops and your home internet.

**Parental controls can help you to:**

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- create content filters to block apps that may have inappropriate content
- manage the content different family members can see.

## What can I do next?

Check with your internet provider about the following:

### Filtering and blocking

- Limit access to specific websites, words or images.

### Blocking outgoing content

- Prevents your children from sharing personal information online and via email.

### Limiting time

- Allows parents to set time limits for how long their children are online and the time of day they can access the internet.

### Monitoring tools

- Alert parents to their children's online activity without blocking access and can be used with or without the child's knowledge. Some software can record which websites a child has visited. Other programs display warning messages when children visit certain websites.

**Visit:** <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/> for more support and guidance.



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## Operation Encompass Letter to Parents

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you that our school continues to participate in a joint operation involving Birmingham Children's Trust, Birmingham City Council, and West Midlands Police. It is called **Operation Encompass**.

**Operation Encompass** has been established to help schools provide in-school support to children who have been present at, exposed to or involved in any domestic abuse incident.

We know that children can be significantly harmed, physically and/or emotionally, during these situations, and that it also negatively affects their learning and behaviour in class.

Therefore, as part of the Operation Encompass procedure, and to help mitigate the resulting negative impact, the school will now receive a confidential phone call or email from West Midlands Police before 9.00am the morning after a child or young person has been witness to, or involved in, any reported domestic abuse incident.

We have a dedicated and child-focussed Safeguarding Team. They are specially trained to effectively use the information the Police share, in confidence, and enable the school to provide the right support to any child and their family.

We always endeavour to offer the best support possible to our pupils and believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

More information can be found at <https://www.operationencompass.org/>

However, if you have any concerns or questions regarding Operation Encompass, please don't hesitate to contact me, and I will be happy to discuss them with you.

Yours faithfully

*K Marston*

Miss K Marston  
Headteacher



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