

As a Governing Body we are proud of how the mission, vision and aims of our school are reflected in everything we see when we visit the school and when we see our school represented in the wider community. We would like to take the opportunity to share this with you in our newsletters. The focus of this newsletter will be our vision and the linked aim.

Vision: to become a centre of excellence for Early Years education where teaching and learning are of the highest standards and all of the school community work tirelessly for the good of our children.

Aim: To support the development of other schools through sharing outstanding practice.

"I would just like to say a big thank you for allowing us to visit your school yesterday. We had a lovely time and all of your staff were so welcoming and happy to tell us all about your school. We picked up some great ideas that we can use to inform our own practice and it was great to get out and see an outstanding school and how it runs." Staff from a Cornish School

"Many thanks for letting us visit today. We had a great morning and have returned to school with lots of ideas! The staff have started re-organising their rooms already! We were shown everything we wanted to see. Please pass on our thanks to everyone. You have a really lovely school, thank you for sharing it with us. Headteacher- Cornish School

"Thank you so much for allowing us to visit your lovely school and for being so incredibly generous with your time. We have really been able to step back and to see clearly what we need to do here in order to improve the progress our children make. We have learned so much from our visit" Headteacher- Cornish School

"Thank you so much for everything you have done for us, we are so grateful for all that you have done to make this experience the best it could be. Everyone has been so supportive and welcoming." Plymouth University Student Teachers



The logo ACELens® reflects the fact that we have a thorough knowledge and understanding of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and use these to inform our day-to-day practices, our policies and the ways in which we support children exposed to ACEs.

In 2015 founding members of Augeo, a national Netherlands based child protection charity with an international reputation, visited Torpoint Nursery and Infant School to find out about Operation Encompass. During the visit and on one of the days we were inspected by OFSTED, they spoke to the OFSTED team describing Torpoint Nursery and Infant school as "The most trauma sensitive school that we have ever visited."

Mrs Carney- Haworth is working with The Learning Institute to promote an understanding of ACELens® across schools in Devon, Cornwall and beyond. Understanding ACEs will allow all schools to support children and mitigate against the known long term effects upon physical and emotional wellbeing, low life potential, the taking part in risky behaviours and early death...*You can find out more on our school website.*

NEW GOVERNOR INTRODUCTION

I am a local private physiotherapist who is delighted to join the board of governors at the school. I have a young son who will start the nursery when he turns 2 years old and therefore I have a firm interest in helping support the school in maintaining its high standards and reputation.

I love the passion I see amongst all the teachers and staff for the children in the school. Coming from a caring background where I strive to get my patients to reach their full potential, with an understanding of each individuals certain circumstances in order to achieve this, I can see that I work in a very similar way to the people who currently make this school what it is today. I therefore hope that my passion for care and progression helps the school continue its high achievements and support for the children it serves and also for the wider community which the school supports.



Isla Sell

Operation Encompass



Operation Encompass, which was devised by our Headteacher, Mrs Carney-Haworth with her husband Sgt Carney-Haworth (Rtd), is the police reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has been exposed to, or involved in, any domestic abuse.

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

We are also whole hearted in our belief that the successes of this scheme, which had its roots in our school, should be widely shared to ensure that children across the United Kingdom... and beyond, also benefit... a belief that is shared by many of those who work with children and in the field of domestic abuse.

Preventing and repairing harm to children also means taking into account the role played by the services that serve all children, especially GPs and schools. These services can only help to prevent or repair harm if they are provided with the information they need to fulfil their role, and are trained to respond appropriately. The introduction of Operation Encompass has been a helpful step towards schools being better informed.¹² Professionals also need to be able to rely on there being specialist services to which they can refer.



Amanda Spielman, Chief Inspector of English Schools 2017

"Good step forward in terms of information sharing and clear structure on how to implement. I have already set up procedures in school."

"So beautiful, so simple, so profound"
Zoe Billingham, HMIC
(Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of constabulary)

"Our findings have been that Operation Encompass has had a huge impact on our KS4 students who have often felt that because they are becoming young adults they were able to cope better with domestic abuse in their violent homes when the truth is the opposite leaving them feeling angry, scared and as confused especially at a important stage of their lives when they are having to cope with exams and often providing emotional support to their younger siblings"

"Operation Encompass is doing exactly the right thing, there's joint agency working so the school knows at once when a child has been exposed to domestic abuse and is able to make provision"

Bradley Simmons, South West Director for Ofsted

"Operation Encompass is an excellent example of sharing information between agencies to protect vulnerable children to help ensure that schools are able to address the welfare of children appropriately."

Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Constabulary

"It's the best thing the police have ever given to education." Headteacher

"At last there is someone I can talk to about it [Domestic Abuse]"
9 year old child

"I don't know where my little boy would be now without Operation Encompass and the support given by the school" Non Abusing Parent

"It's the best new initiative in safeguarding that we have ever had."
Headteacher