

Broadstone Schools Safeguarding Newsletter

Domestic Abuse

Preparing children for 'A Life Well Lived'



For women and children.
Against domestic violence.

Safeguarding

Our duty of care as a school and community is to ensure each and every child has a voice, and is heard. In order to do this, we are innkeeping a rich safeguarding culture across the Castleman Academy Trust.

Having a clear understanding and knowledge of the subject allows a strong and affirmative safeguarding practice to be in place, that everyone can follow.

All staff members across the school are trained in safeguarding, and are educated to understand our safeguarding policy and procedures. Staff have also received training in recognising signs of abuse and neglect.

Clare's Law

The Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) is commonly known as Clare's Law and named after Clare Wood who was murdered by her boyfriend in 2009.

The scheme allows information about an individual's history of domestic abuse to be disclosed to a new partner. This is to help them make an informed decision about the relationship. It also signposts potential victims to specialist domestic abuse services.

The scheme is for anyone in an intimate relationship regardless of gender.

If you want to make an application for information under the DVDS, call Dorset Police on 101.

Domestic Abuse

What is Domestic Abuse?

Domestic abuse is defined as an incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening, degrading and violent behaviour, including sexual violence. In the majority of cases by a partner or ex-partner, but also by a family member or carer, this is very common.

Domestic abuse can include, but is not limited to the following:

- Coercive control (a pattern of intimidation, isolation and control with the use of threat of physical or sexual violence).
- Psychological and or emotional abuse
- Physical or sexual abuse
- Financial or economic abuse (Controlling money so the partner has no access)
- Harassment and stalking
- Online or digital abuse

Statics of Domestic Abuse

- 2-3 woman are murdered per week due to domestic abuse in the UK
- 70% of these happened in their own home
- 1 in 7 children live with domestic abuse
- The Office for National Statistics figures show every year that one in the three victims of domestic abuse are male equating to 757,000 men

If you require help from the school, please ask for 'Miss Daisy' at the office

Help and Support



Support line on **08 08 16 89 111**.
Both are free and operate 24/7.

Victim Support will always protect your confidentiality and will not pass on your personal details or any other information that could identify you without your permission, unless they believe you or someone else is at risk of harm or if there is a legal reason or requirement to disclose the information.

Local support organisations

BCP BCHA Domestic Abuse Referrals & Support Line: **01202 710 777**

Bournemouth Women's Refuge: **01202 547 755**

Citizen Advice Bureau: **01202 290 967**

Sexual Trauma and Recovery Service: **01202 308 855**

Victim Support: **0808 168 9111** (National support)

Victim Support: **0300 303 0163** (Dorset support).

Man Kind: **01823 334244** (Male victims)

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Designated safeguarding Leads

Broadstone Middle School

JADE PALMER - HEAD OF SCHOOL

AMBER BARTER - DEPUTY HEAD

DAWN WILKS - EXECUTIVE HEAD OF SCHOOL

FIONA LORD - HEAD OF PROVISION

NADINE BOWRA - INCLUSION MANAGER

NICKI JONES - WELLBEING LEAD

Designated Safeguarding Leads

Broadstone First School

REBECCA WOOD - HEAD OF SCHOOL

DONNA SWANN - DEPUTY HEAD

FIONA LORD - HEAD OF PROVISION

DAWN WILKS - EXECUTIVE HEAD OF SCHOOL

MEGAN PIKE - SEND/ WELLBEING LEAD

Emotional abuse

Does your partner or someone you live with ever:

- belittle you, or put you down?
- blame you for the abuse or arguments?
- deny that abuse is happening, or downplay it?
- isolate you from your family and friends?
- tell you what to wear, who to see, where to go, and what to think?
- control your money, or not give you enough to buy food or other essential things?
- monitor your social media profiles, share photos or videos of you without your consent or use GPS locators to know where you are?

Threats and intimidation

Does your partner or someone you live with ever:

- threaten to hurt or kill you?
- destroy things that belong to you?
- stand over you, invade your personal space?
- threaten to kill themselves or the children?
- read your emails, texts or letters?
- harass or follow you?

Physical abuse

Does your partner or someone you live with ever:

- slap, hit or punch you?
- push or shove you?
- bite or kick you?
- burn you?
- choke you or hold you down?
- throw things?
- Sexual abuse

Sexual abuse

Does your partner or someone you live with ever:

- touch you in a way you do not want to be touched?
- make unwanted sexual demands?
- hurt you during sex?
- pressure you to have unsafe sex – for example, not using a condom?
- pressure you to have sex?
- If anyone has sex with you when you do not want to, this is rape. It is still rape if that person is your partner.
- Have you ever felt afraid of your partner?
- Have you ever changed your behaviour because you're afraid of what your partner might do?