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Safeguarding Bulletin

Domestic Abuse Awareness

For Parents & Carers | Parkwall Primary School

 **Date:** 06/05/25

 **Dear Parents and Carers,**

At Parkwall Primary, we are committed to the safety and wellbeing of all our children and families. This month, we're focusing on raising awareness about **domestic abuse** — an issue that affects many families and can have lasting impacts on children.

? What Is Domestic Abuse?

Domestic abuse involves any form of:

- **Physical** harm (e.g. hitting, pushing)
- **Emotional** abuse (e.g. threats, intimidation)
- **Sexual** abuse
- **Financial** control
- **Coercive control** (e.g. isolating, monitoring)

Abuse can occur between partners, ex-partners, or family members. Children are always affected — whether they witness it directly or not.

How Children May Be Affected

Children living in households where there is abuse may:

- Become anxious, withdrawn, or aggressive
- Struggle with sleep or concentration
- Experience difficulty in school or friendships

Early support can make a big difference. Staff at our school are trained to notice signs and offer help.

Need Someone to Talk To?

Our **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** is:

J Waller – parkwallprimary@sgmail.org.uk 01454867114

We are here to:

- Listen confidentially
- Provide guidance and reassurance
- Help you access local support services

Support & Emergency Contacts

● **In Immediate Danger: Call 999**

Can't speak? Dial 999, then press 55

Helpful Services:

- **National Domestic Abuse Helpline (24/7):**
📞 0808 2000 247 | 🌐 nationaldahelpline.org.uk
- **Women's Aid:**
🌐 womensaid.org.uk
- **NSPCC (for children):**
📞 0808 800 5000
- **Respect (for male victims):**
📞 0808 801 0327 | 🌐 respect.uk.net

We're Here for You

If you have any concerns — big or small — about your safety or your child's wellbeing, please talk to us. You're not alone, and support is always available.

Warm regards,

J Waller

Headteacher, Parkwall Primary School