**Safeguarding – parents domestic violence**

Manston Primary is part of the ‘Domestic violence and abuse school notification project’, run jointly between schools and West Yorkshire Police. The project aims to support children who are resident in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse.

We know that children can be significantly physically or emotionally hurt by being either present in the house or directly witnessing an incident of domestic violence.

The Domestic violence and abuse school notification project has been designed to provide confidential notification to schools on any incidents of domestic violence and abuse which occur within a child’s household that might have an impact on a child whilst they are in school. The project will ensure that a member of the school staff is trained to allow them to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, and ensure that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have been involved in or witnessed a domestic violence or abuse incident.

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

If you would like further support or information about domestic violence and abuse please go to [www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk](http://www.leedsdomesticviolenceandabuse.co.uk).

*Coronavirus Update*

As some of you may already be aware, domestic violence incidents are increasing due to the current lockdown situation. Safer Leeds have launched their Domestic Violence campaign and messages are being shared across Twitter on @saferleeds and @LCCnews. Safer Leeds have updated their website to include useful information for victims of Domestic Violence and people delivering services. You can access information and support through the following link: <https://www.leeds.gov.uk/domesticviolence/Pages/default.aspx>