



GUISELEY SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Leeds Joint Agency Protocol for Domestic Violence and Abuse: School and Higher Education Notifications

A notification process has been established to support children who are resident in households where there are incidents of domestic violence and abuse. This notification is called the DVA Notification Process. We know that children can be significantly affected by being either present in the house or directly witnessing an incident of domestic violence and so it is important we are able to offer support.

The DVA Notification Process has been designed to provide confidential notification to schools and higher education establishments 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 / higher education.

The process ensures that a trained member of school staff, on being notified, can use the information in confidence, to make provision in school 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 notification process 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.

Yours sincerely,

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