

At Elmwood Infant School and Nursery our

Safeguarding and Early Help team includes:

- ⇒ Mr Cooper (Headteacher)
- ⇒ Miss Payne (Deputy Headteacher)
- ⇒ Miss Walsh (Assistant Headteacher)
- ⇒ Mrs Thompson (Attendance & Welfare Officer)
- ⇒ Miss Carrington (DSL)
- ⇒ Mrs Icton (Learning Mentor)

For more information, please contact the person you feel most comfortable talking to:

Telephone: 0208 6897691

Email: via the contact page on the website or on: office@elmwood-inf.croydon.sch.uk

Direct contact—ask for an appointment or approach one of us on the playground.

There is a great deal of information on our website about DASV, with links to other services/agencies that might be able to help you. Please go to: www.elmwood-inf.croydon.sch.uk.

Right Help, Right Time

Where to get help

You don't have to wait for an emergency situation to seek help. If domestic abuse is happening to you, it's important to tell someone and remember you're not alone.

Croydon Community Safety Unit
☎ 020 3276 2174
🌐 www.met.police.uk

The Family Justice Centre
☎ 020 8688 0100

National Centre for Domestic Violence
Freephone: ☎ 0800 970 2070
🌐 www.ncdv.org.uk

National Domestic Violence Helpline
Freephone: ☎ 0808 200 0247
🌐 www.nationaldomesticviolencehelpline.org.uk

Victim Support
☎ 0845 303 0900
🌐 www.victimsupport.org.uk

The Freephone 24 Hour National Domestic Violence Helpline, run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge, is a national service for women experiencing domestic violence, their family, friends, colleagues and others calling on their behalf.

The Helpline can give support, help and information over the telephone, wherever the caller might be in the country. The Helpline is staffed 24 hours a day by fully trained female helpline support workers and volunteers. All calls are completely confidential. Translation facilities for callers whose first language is not English, and a service for callers who are deaf or hard of hearing are available.



ELMWOOD INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

DASV

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

Information and Help

[Article 3](#) (best interests of the child)

The best interests of the child must be a top priority in all decisions and actions that

Are you safe?

- ⇒ **Are you safe at home?**
- ⇒ **Are you sometimes afraid of your partner or a family member?**
- ⇒ **Are you criticised or belittled by your partner or a family member?**
- ⇒ **Have you ever been forced by your partner or a family member to do something you did not want to?**

What is Domestic Abuse, Sexual Violence (DASV)

"Any incident of threatening behaviour, violence or abuse (psychological, physical, sexual, financial or emotional) between adults who are or have been **Intimate partners or family members**, regardless of gender or sexuality."

Abuse can be

- ⇒ Psychological
- ⇒ Physical
- ⇒ Sexual
- ⇒ Financial
- ⇒ Emotional

So-called '**honour-based**' violence, **forced marriage** and **female genital mutilation** are all forms of DASV.

Who is responsible for the violence?

The abuser is responsible, and there is no excuse for domestic violence.

The abuser has a choice to use violence, or to behave non-violently, fostering a relationship built on trust, honesty, fairness and respect. The victim is never responsible for the abuser's behaviour.

The impact of DASV on children and young people is huge. Children who live in an environment where DASV is present will be suffering and so it is important that you take action immediately if you are suffering from DASV or know someone that is.

Things you might notice in a child or young person who is exposed to DASV:

withdrawn: suddenly behaves differently:
anxious: clingy - depressed: aggressive:
problems sleeping: eating disorders: wets the bed: soils clothes: takes risks: misses school: changes in eating habits:
obsessive behaviour: nightmares: drugs: alcohol: self-harm: thoughts about suicide

The Family Justice Centre

Help is available for you at the FJC. The centre is run by a multi-disciplinary team that works to provide you and your family access to support services. Their aim is to listen and respond to your needs in a safe way.

The FJC is open for drop-in and appointments on:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am to 5pm

fjc@croydon.gov.uk

www.croydon.gov.uk/domesticabuse

[Call 0208 688 0100](tel:02086880100)

