



Seahaven Academy

The best in everyone™

Part of United Learning

22nd June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

According to the Office for National Statistics, 5.7% of adults aged 16 to 59 years experienced domestic abuse in the year ending March 2022. It is thought at least 160,000 children live in households where serious abuse is taking place. Based on national figures, it is estimated that 6,500 children are exposed to domestic abuse each year in East Sussex.

Domestic Abuse Support and Reminders

We know that this is a difficult and challenging time for everyone – but particularly so for adults and children living with domestic abuse. External factors that add stress and financial strain on families can have a negative impact and create circumstances where safety may be further compromised. We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about support and help available if you or anyone you know is suffering from any form of domestic abuse.

Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (Claire's Law)

This scheme aims to provide a formal mechanism for you to make inquiries about your partner or ex partner if you are worried that they may have been abusive in the past, or about someone else's partner on their behalf. If police checks show that the partner has a record of abusive behaviour, or there is other information to indicate that you may be at risk from your partner, the police will consider sharing this information with you or the person you are worried about. The scheme aims to help you to make a more informed decision on whether to continue a relationship and provides further help and support to assist you when making that choice. To request information under Claire's Law, someone can make a Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme (DVDS) application. See <https://clares-law.com> for more information. As always, if you or someone else is in immediate danger please call 999 and ask for the police.

Operation Encompass

Our school belongs to an information sharing scheme called Operation Encompass. The purpose of this scheme is to enhance communication between the police and schools where a child is at risk from domestic abuse. The sharing of this information is to ensure schools are more aware of the child's circumstances and therefore able to support safeguarding of children where necessary. By knowing that the child has had this experience the school is in a better position to understand and be supportive to the child's needs and possible behaviours within the school setting.

Support Organisations

If you're an adult experiencing domestic abuse, there are organisations that can help.

- [Relate](#)
[0300 003 0396](tel:03000030396)

You can talk to Relate about your relationship, including issues around domestic abuse.



Principal: Mrs Shevlyn Byroo

United Learning comprises: UCST (Registered in England No: 2780748. Charity No. 1016538 and ULT (Registered in England No. 4439859. An Exempt Charity). Companies limited by guarantee. VAT number 834 8515 12.

Seahaven Academy
Haven Way
Newhaven
BN9 9TD

t 01273 517601

f 01273 611182

e office@seahavenacademy.org.uk

www.seahavenacademy.org.uk

- [National Domestic Violence Helpline](#)
[0808 2000 247](#)
A 24 hour free helpline run in partnership between Women's Aid and Refuge.
- [Men's Advice Line](#)
[0808 801 0327](#)
Advice and support for men experiencing domestic violence and abuse.
- [National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline](#)
[0800 999 5428](#)
Emotional and practical support for LGBT+ people experiencing domestic abuse.

If you have any questions, or want to talk more about this subject please do contact the school and make an appointment to speak with either Clare Macey (DSL) or Louise Doyle (Deputy DSL)

Yours sincerely,



Clare Macey (DSL)

Louise Doyle (DDSL)



Christine Terrey (Safeguarding Governor)