

Domestic Abuse Policy

Policy Statement

Thousands of children live with domestic abuse which has a huge impact on their lives. They are likely to be affected by the secrecy, fear, disruption and distress that domestic abuse causes. Young children who witness domestic abuse may grow up to be vulnerable to developing behavioural issues, attendance problems, ill health, anti-social behaviour (including bullying), self-harm, drug and alcohol misuse. Our Pre-school will work with children, parents and the community to ensure the rights and safety of children and to give them the very best start in life.

Aims

- To promote a positive ethos where children feel safe and where they feel comfortable to voice their opinions, talk in confidence and share their concerns with others
- To use the settings curriculum, especially Personal, Social and Emotional Development, to encourage consideration of behaviour, particularly on issues of power, respect and gender stereotyping. (See Chudleigh Pre-school Learning and Development Policy)
- To promote emotional well-being through the acquisition of confidence, skills and knowledge

Procedures

- We recognise violence/abuse at home as one of the common reasons for problems in children's lives
- We have a designated person, **Shanie Lang**, for child protection issues
- All staff are aware of this and are familiar with the Chudleigh Pre-school Safeguarding Children & Child Protection Policy
- Staff know they must report all concerns
- Any domestic violence concerns must be managed in the same way as any other child protection issue
- All staff hold relevant safeguarding training

This policy links to the following policies: Safeguarding Children & Child Protection Policy, Learning and Development Policy.