



Domestic Abuse

The cross-government definition of domestic violence and abuse is:

Any incident or pattern of incidents of controlling, coercive, threatening behaviour, violence or abuse between those aged 16 or over who are, or have been, intimate partners or family members regardless of gender or sexuality.

The abuse can encompass, but is not limited to:

- psychological;
- physical;
- sexual;
- financial; and
- emotional

Exposure to domestic abuse and/or violence can have a serious, long lasting emotional and psychological impact on children. In some cases, a child may blame themselves for the abuse or may have had to leave the family home as a result.

Domestic abuse affecting young people can also occur within their personal relationships, as well as in the context of their home life.

Stopping Domestic Abuse Together (SDAT)

From **1st November 2018** Da Vinci Academy will be receiving Domestic Abuse notifications from Derbyshire Constabulary within 24 hours of an incident.

What is SDAT?

- Stopping Domestic Abuse Together is a local version of the Encompass Model
- Derbyshire Constabulary lead on SDAT and aim to roll it out with all schools in Derby and Derbyshire
- It is an early notification system to schools to quickly notify them of any incidents of domestic abuse where the police have attended a household where children live

SDAT Aims

- To provide a link between a statutory school aged child's lived home experience and their experience in school when domestic abuse is a current issue
- Helps ensure that schools can effectively support and respond to children's needs in the education setting
- Promotes effective communications between police, children's social care, education welfare and schools where there has been a domestic abuse incident.