

What?

You can refer children and young people to us for direct support in all schools across the Black Country where there are issues with domestic abuse. Additionally you can call us for advice and to access our training.

Support includes:

1 to 1 support and advocacy based on the child's needs in school.

Group support programmes in school.

Why Consent?

To support any children directly in your school we need the parent's consent, unless they are 13 or over. Without this, we cannot accept a referral.

Getting Parental Consent

Guidance for
Teachers

For advice, support, to make a referral, or discuss any of the support options in this leaflet please call or email:

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Dudley and Walsall

What's the Problem?

It can be hard to get consent from parents for children to work with us.

There may be a lot of things going on for the parent, and they may see things differently to the child or you.

It is important to remember this and consider the parent's feelings at all times when having the conversation, whilst being as honest as possible.

Having an open conversation can allow you to allay fears they may have, and we can help with this.

Fear

Parents may be afraid of a lot of things, such as:

Their children being removed by Children's Services.

An abusive partner or ex partner finding out people know about the abuse.

People judging them and their children.

Mis trust

Parents may be confused about our service

They may think they protect their child and can't see they are impacted.

They may think that we will force the child to talk about things they don't want to.

They may think we will talk about things they think are inappropriate.

Can We Help?

We can provide support with this process through:

Our leaflet designed for parents about the service which you can use to have the conversation.

Telephone advice and support for you as a teacher

Telephone advice and support for parents

Coming to your school and talking to parents, e.g. at a Parents Evening

Coming to your school and delivering a workshop to you on how to have the conversation with parents.