



Saint Paul's Catholic High School



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Dear Parents/Carers,

The World Cup is an exciting time for many families. However, research shows that reports of domestic abuse can increase during major football tournaments. Incidents have been found to increase by **26%** when England plays and by **38%** when England loses. [\[cps.gov.uk\]](https://cps.gov.uk)

What is Domestic Abuse?

Domestic abuse is any behaviour used to control, frighten, threaten, or harm another person. It can include:

- Physical violence
- Emotional or psychological abuse
- Controlling behaviour
- Financial abuse
- Online or digital abuse [\[gmp.police.uk\]](https://gmp.police.uk)

If You Need Help

You are not alone. Support is available.

In an emergency, call 999.

Local and National Support Services

Greater Manchester Domestic Abuse Helpline

- Tel: **0161 636 7525**
- Monday–Friday, 10am–4pm

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Independent Choices (Greater Manchester)

- Tel: **0800 254 0909**
- Provides support, information and access to refuge services.

National Domestic Abuse Helpline (24 hours)

- Tel: **0808 2000 247**
- Free, confidential support available 24 hours a day.

Men's Advice Line

- Tel: **0808 801 0327**
- Support for men experiencing domestic abuse.

Childline

- Tel: **0800 1111**
- Free and confidential support for children and young people.

Clare's Law

You have the right to ask the police if your partner has a history of violence or abuse through **Clare's Law (Domestic Violence Disclosure Scheme)**.

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Looking After Children

Children can be affected by domestic abuse even if they do not witness it directly. If you are worried about a child or family member, please seek support as soon as possible.

Worried About a Child?

In an emergency, always call 999.

If you are unable to speak safely, call 999 and press 55 when prompted.

Please contact the school's Safeguarding Team for advice and support.

Football does not cause domestic abuse, and there is never an excuse for abuse or violence. Every family deserves to feel safe, regardless of the outcome of a match.

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