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A child may display behaviour which is well beyond acceptable boundaries and which put themselves, other children and staff at risk. The use of physical intervention is wherever possible avoided. However, where necessary and appropriate, reasonable force will be used to control or restrain pupils.

Physical restraint will only be used as a last resort when all other behaviour management strategies have failed.

Legal Context

Section 93 of the Education & Inspection Act 2006 stipulates that reasonable force may be used to prevent a pupil:

- Engaging in a behaviour prejudicial to maintaining good order and discipline at school (this includes in the classroom, during other teaching sessions, elsewhere in the school or on authorised off site activities)
- Self injuring or causing injury to others
- Committing an offence
- · Causing significant damage to property

We aim to:

- Create a warm, calm and orderly atmosphere that promotes a sense of community
- Achieve a consistent attitude by all staff that gives pupils a sense of security and safety whilst promoting clear expectations on acceptable behaviour
- Ensure that all staff, relevant governors, pupils, and parents/carers understand their roles and responsibilities with regard to behaviour management
- Promote the continual development of staff and appropriate documented training necessary, e.g. Team Teach

The attitude and behaviour of all staff is essential in creating and maintaining a positive ethos within school, this committed team approach will help provide a positive role model for pupils where they respect themselves and others.

The training provided to staff centres on techniques that effectively manage anger and aggressive behaviour of pupils through positive non physical based intervention where possible. Such techniques will deescalate situations and behaviours before physical intervention becomes necessary. In extreme cases where physical intervention may become necessary it will be undertaken by nominated staff who have received recognised and accredited training. Two members of staff will be present and details of the incident and outcomes will be recorded within 24 hours of the event and retained within the pupil's file. Parents will be given details of the incident as soon as possible after it occurs with a copy of the incident report. We will inform the local authority of any significant injuries sustained by pupils or staff.

Where routine classroom management is not effective in dealing with the continued behaviour of a particular pupil a behaviour plan will be put into place. This will be drawn up in consultation with the child's key worker, the SENCO, other relevant professionals and parents and carers. Such plans will identify undesirable behaviour potential triggers for such behaviour and the risks to staff and pupils. It will also contain advice for staff for management of such situations. All relevant staff should be made aware of the content of such plans which are subject to regular review.

REPORT ON INCIDENT REQUIRING RESTRAINT

| DATE & TIME OF INCIDENT: | |
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| FULL NAME OF CHILD: | |
| D.O.B | |
| TRIGGER TO BEHAVIOUR: | |
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| DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: | |
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| LOCATION OF INCIDENT: | |
| NAME(S) OF OTHER PEOPLE PRESENT: | |
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| ACTION TAKEN: | |
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| DESCRIPTION OF OUTCOME: | |
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| NAMES OF INJURED PEOPLE (If any) | |
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| INJURY SUSTAINED (If any) | |
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| DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (If any) | |
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| SIGNED (Person dealing with incident) | |
| NAME (Print): | |
| POSITION: | TIME & DATE OF REPORT: |
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| HEADTEACHER SIGNATURE: | |
| PARENT / CARER SIGNATURE: | |
| DATE PARENT/CARER PROVIDED WITH REPORT | |