



## Rudgwick Primary School

### Policy for pupil restraint

#### June 2020-2023

**Our vision:** Rudgwick Primary School aims to be a community where everyone is **inspired** by a love for learning, is supported and encouraged to **believe** in themselves and is enabled to **achieve** success.

**Review by: Head Teacher**  
**Approve by: Full Governing Body**  
**Date for review: 01/06/23**  
**Review frequency: 3 years**

**Date:**                   **Name:**                   **Signature:**

1. Ideally the skill of the teacher or teaching support assistants should be used to anticipate the incident occurring and to redirect the child's behaviour. See the behavioural policy. Only in exceptional circumstances should force be used to control or restrain pupils. These circumstances are defined as:
  - Where the immediate safety of the child or other persons are in danger
  - Where a judgment is made that to defuse a situation reasonable force needs to be used.
  - Causing damage to property.
  - Engaging in any behaviour prejudicial to maintaining good order and discipline at the school or among any of its pupils, whether that behaviour occurs in a classroom during teaching sessions or elsewhere.
2. The designated child protection officer will authorise staff to use reasonable force where necessary in the case of an emergency or unplanned intervention in line with 1.
3. Should physical restraint need to be used repeatedly this will be done in consultation with carers/SENco and the designated child protection officer. (This is referred to as planned interventions, whereby an individualised plan may be created for a particular child).
4. Other than in an absolute emergency the adult must not intervene if they feel there is a risk of injury to themselves, and assistance should be sent for.

5. The application of force – Physical intervention can take several forms:

- Physically interposing between two pupils.
- Blocking a pupil's path.
- Holding
- Pushing
- Pulling
- Leading a pupil by the hand or arm
- Shepherding a pupil away by placing a hand on the centre of their back
- Only in exceptional cases are more restrictive holds be used. Any force should be minimal and that needed to achieve a desired outcome.

6. Anytime reasonable force is used it needs to be logged.

In the bound and numbered book kept in the Head Teacher's office.

- Parents must be informed if an incident is logged.

**Pupil restraint -Log.**

**Designated persons who have permission to restrain are**

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Description of incident	Date	Who	What next