

# **Egerton Rothesay School**

## **The Use of Physical Intervention**

### **Introduction**

The vast majority of our students behave well at school. However, it is recognised that there may be occasion when, under certain circumstances, a child may, in a state of extreme upset, pose a significant threat to other pupils, staff or property.

### **Use of Restrictive Physical Intervention**

A member of staff may use, in relation to any pupil at the school, such force as is reasonable in the circumstances for the purpose of preventing the student from doing (or continuing to do) any of the following:

- Committing a criminal offence (including behaving in a way that would be an offence if the student were not under the age of criminal responsibility).
- Causing personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the student her/ himself).
- Behaving in a way that is likely to cause personal injury to any person (including the student her/ himself).

This applies where a member of staff of the school is:

- On the premises of the school, or
- elsewhere at the time when, as a member of its staff, they have lawful control or charge of the student concerned (e.g. on a school trip).

The level of physical restraint used should always be the minimum required to stop the behaviour for which it was being used. Appropriate external training will be given when necessary. As soon as it has become apparent that the behaviour has stopped and is unlikely to be repeated, the physical restraint should stop.

### **Corporal Punishment**

Under no circumstance should a member of staff use corporal punishment in any form.

### **Reporting**

An incident which has resulted in the use of physical restraint should be reported to the Head as soon as possible.

### **Post Incident Management**

Incidents that require the use of restrictive physical intervention can be upsetting to all concerned. After the incident has subsided the staff and student involved will be given emotional support. They will be provided with an opportunity to talk about what happened in a calm and safe environment.

Parents or carers will be advised as soon as possible of an incident involving their child and given the opportunity to discuss it.

### **Complaints**

Complaints regarding the use of physical restraint will be managed according to the school complaints policy.

**Review**

This policy will be reviewed at least every three years.

Policy approved by: Alison Walker  
(on behalf of Governing Body)  
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