

SALMESTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Use of Force Policy



Mr. Kendall
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Review every year

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**THE USE OF FORCE TO CONTROL OR RESTRAIN PUPILS
STAFF AUTHORISATION**

Under the latest government guidance (04/11) no school should operate a policy of 'no physical contact' (para 19)

In law all staff must use reasonable force:

- where action is necessary in **self-defence** or because there is **imminent risk of injury** e.g. a pupil attacks a member of staff or another pupil.
- where there is a developing **risk of injury**, or **significant damage** to property. e.g. a pupil is engaged in, or is on the verge of committing, deliberate damage or vandalism.
- where a pupil is behaving in a way that is compromising good order and discipline. e.g. a pupil is behaving in a way that is **seriously disrupting** a lesson and **persistently refuses** to go into isolation or leave the classroom.
- to search pupils for weapons without their consent (Violent Crime Reduction Act 2006)

At Salmestone Primary School we believe that physical intervention should only be used when necessary and place a strong emphasis on avoidance, prevention and de-escalation strategies.

If physical intervention is required to control or restrain a child, the member of staff should contact a member of SLT so that the relevant paperwork can be completed and logged. Contact will be made with the parent/carer.

Adopted by Governors:

Signed:  _____ Chair of Governors

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