



The Wilnecote School

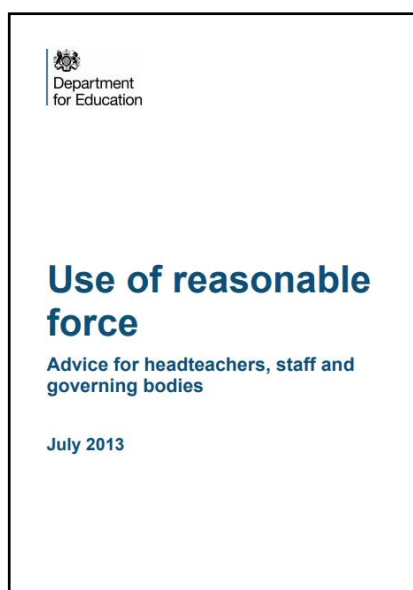
Title of Policy: Use of Reasonable Force

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The Wilnecote School encourages pupils to make positive behaviour choices both in and out of lessons as well as on the way to and from school. They are taught to always consider the care for and safety of others within the school community, with the aim of ensuring the safety of all within our community, encouraging good mental health and maintaining a positive learning environment for all. However, pupils sometimes do make the wrong choices and on occasion these escalate to a point when passive or direct physical intervention is required to try and ensure the safety of the young people in our care or to avoid mass disruption to the education of others within our school. If a student is in danger, endangering others or behaving in a manner that disrupts the learning environment of the school, on rare occasions this may result in a situation that requires some form of physical intervention by staff. Our Restraint Policy is based upon the following principles:

- Physical intervention is used only as a last resort when other appropriate strategies have failed.
- Any physical contact is only the minimum required.
- Physical intervention is used in ways that aim to maintain the safety and dignity of all concerned.
- Passive physical contact is always the preferred approach whenever possible to bring a potentially challenging situation under control.
- Active physical contact is used sparingly and only when the professional deems it to be the most appropriate approach or has no choice.
- Teachers are expected to use their professional judgement in this regard and will have received training to support any decisions they need to make.
- If a student deliberately chooses to make physical contact with a member of staff, including when the staff member has employed passive physical contact, this will be reported to the Senior Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher, with the strong likelihood of sanctions being issued.
- Incidents of active physical contact are recorded and reported to the Senior Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher, where physical intervention has been anything other than minor, or where the occasion gives rise to a particular concern.
- Parents are informed of all reported incidents, e.g. those where the degree of physical intervention is more than minor, or where the occasion has given rise to a particular concern.
- The Senior Deputy Headteacher or Headteacher will inform parents. If they are not available, the next most senior member of staff will carry out this duty

As a school, we use the following document written by the Department for Education to inform our practice:



Please refer to this document using the link below for more detailed guidance.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/use-of-reasonable-force-in-schools>