



**Crowlands Primary School  
&  
Newtons Primary School**

**Use of Force to Control or Restrain Pupils Policy  
2019 - 2022**

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**APPENDIX 1**  
**The Growing Together Federation**  
**ON THE USE OF FORCE TO CONTROL OR RESTRAIN PUPILS**

The ethos of our Federation is that control of pupils is based upon good personal/professional relationships between the staff and pupils. However, Section 550A of the Education Act 1996 does allow teachers, and other authorised Federation staff, to use such force as is reasonable to prevent a pupil from doing, or continuing to do, any of the following:

- \* injuring themselves or others;
  - \* causing damage to property (including the pupil's own property);
  - \* committing a criminal offence (including behaving in a way that would be an offence if the pupil were not under the age of criminal responsibility).
- Only staff trained in restraint techniques are authorised to use reasonable force when it is necessary. All members of the SLT are trained as well as a selection of teachers and Support Staff including MDAs working in all Key Stages
  - Teachers may consider it necessary to use reasonable force where:
    - \* action is necessary in self-defence or because there is an imminent risk of injury;
    - \* there is a developing risk of injury, or significant damage to property;
    - \* a pupil is behaving in a way that is compromising good order and discipline.
  - During an incident of restraint the minimum force necessary will be used and the pupil will continuously be offered the opportunity to regain self-control. The purpose of restraint is to restore safety and good order. **Reasonable force can be described as the minimum force necessary to achieve the desired result.**
  - All incidents where reasonable force has been necessary to restrain pupils will be clearly recorded stating:
    - \* the name(s) of the pupil(s) involved;
    - \* the date and time reasonable force was used;
    - \* why reasonable force was necessary;
    - \* how restraint was carried out;
    - \* who restrained the child/young person;
    - \* how long this restraint lasted;
    - \* who was present during the period of restraint;
    - \* any marks noted on the child as a result of the incident and how they occurred:
      - \* action taken (eg treatment) in relation to any marks or injuries occurring as a

result of the incident.

The pupil's parent/carer will be informed when it has been necessary to use reasonable force to control or restrain a pupil.

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