

Restraint Policy

There may be times when adults in our school, in the course of their duty, use physical intervention to restrain children.

The 1996 Education Act defines:

“A member of the staff of a school may use, in relation to any pupil at the school such force as is reasonably necessary in the circumstances for the purpose of preventing a pupil from doing (or continuing to do) any of the following, namely

- a) Committing any offence
- b) Causing personal injury to, or damage to the property of, any person (including the pupil himself/herself)
- c) Engaging in any behaviour prejudicial to the maintenance of good order and discipline at the School or among any of the pupils, whether that behaviour occurs during a teaching session or otherwise

Draft guidance on ‘reasonable force’ was issued in February 1998 and the above policy came into force in September 1998.

Rossall has adopted the guidelines emerging from this Act as laid down by ‘Lancashire County Council Social Services Directorate on Physical Intervention/Restraint of May 2001’.

Any use of physical intervention/restraint should be reported immediately to the Headmaster.

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