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## New Statutory Guidance on Physical Intervention and Reporting

Dear Families,

I am writing to inform you of updated statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE) regarding the use of physical intervention (restraint) in schools.

To ensure complete transparency and to align with new national standards, schools are now required to formally report, in writing, every instance where a member of staff has had to use physical restraint with a student. Previously this would have been reported to you in person at the end of the school day.

An example of when this might be used is when two children are fighting and an adult intervenes to prevent the fight. They may hold one child away from another for a short period of time in order to make sure all are safe.

From now on, if your child is involved in an incident requiring physical intervention, you will receive **written notification** detailing the circumstances. This ensures you are kept fully informed of any significant events involving your child during the school day.

We want to reassure you that our fundamental approach to behaviour has not changed. Physical intervention is:

- **A Last Resort:** It is only ever used when all other de-escalation strategies have been exhausted.
- **Rare:** These incidents are uncommon and are never used as a form of punishment.
- **Safety-Driven:** It is used only when necessary to protect your child, other students, our staff, or school property from immediate harm.

I understand that receiving such a notification may be concerning. Please be assured that our primary goal is to maintain a calm, safe, and supportive environment for all children to learn.

If you have any questions regarding this new guidance or our school's specific policies on safeguarding and behaviour, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mr Radmore.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Yours faithfully

Ms E Davies  
Headteacher

