



*"We want everyone at Hillingdon Primary School to be happy, caring and independent. Our school is a place where we learn together, doing our best to achieve success."*

### Positive Handling Policy Summary for Parents

At the last Ofsted inspection behaviour at Hillingdon Primary School was judged to be outstanding.

'Pupils' behaviour in all areas of school life is excellent. Pupils are lively and enthusiastic about their learning and take a pride in everything they do. They enjoy coming to school ... Parents and carers said that their children are safe and happy. This view is supported by the pupils themselves. (Ofsted November 2012)'

'An important contributory factor to the school's effectiveness is the excellent standard of pupils' social development. This stems from the outstanding pastoral care provided for all. Pupils' excellent behaviour contributes to the good climate for learning throughout the school. Particularly noteworthy are pupils' excellent attitudes towards their education and their enjoyment in being at school.' (Ofsted October 2007)

The purpose of this summary is to clarify for parents the legal powers of staff to use reasonable force. However physical intervention or restraint of pupils is a last resort and is very rarely if ever used.

Staff members have a legal power<sup>1</sup> to use reasonable force to prevent pupils committing a criminal offence, injuring themselves or others, or damaging property; and to maintain good order and discipline amongst pupils.

Below are some examples of situations where reasonable force might be used:

- to prevent a pupil from attacking another pupil, or to stop a fight between two or more pupils;
- to prevent a pupil causing injury or damage by accident, by rough play, or by misuse of dangerous materials or object;
- to ensure that a pupil leaves a classroom where the pupil persistently refuses to follow an instruction to do so;
- to prevent a pupil behaving in a way that seriously disrupts a lesson; or
- to prevent a pupil behaving in a way that seriously disrupts a school sporting event or school visit.

For more information or a full copy of the School's Positive Handling Policy please contact the Pastoral Care Manager via the Reception desk.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 93 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006