

Guidelines on Physical Contact with Pupils

At Holy Trinity School we should have a caring, respectful and responsible attitude with our pupils.

Where possible avoid physical contact.

Avoid being alone with one pupil with a closed door.

If a child becomes very emotional and needs comforting report the occurrence to the head or deputy.

Reasonable physical restraint may be used if the action of the pupil is likely to be harmful to themselves, others or property.

You have a right to defend yourself providing you do not use an inappropriate degree of force.

Only use force when there is clearly no alternative.

Only use force when defending or protecting.

Avoid the threat of force because this can provoke a confrontation.

Use a calm and measured approach, without shouting, never give the impression that you have lost your temper or are acting out of anger or frustration.

Always try to diffuse the situation orally and try to prevent the situation escalating.

In the event of an incident or occurrence write a report in the incident book as soon as possible. The book is kept in the administration office. There is guidance in the book as to what the report should cover.

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