



KING WILLIAM'S COLLEGE

King William's College & The Buchan School

Restraint Policy

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Restraint – Physical Intervention Policy

- Reasonable force can only be used to prevent students from hurting themselves or others. Reasonable means using no more force than is necessary.
- Reasonable force is only used to restrain or control a student when they are in **imminent** danger of inflicting an injury on themselves or on another, and then only as a last resort when all efforts to diffuse the situation have failed. Another member of staff should, if possible, be present as a witness if prior to communication with a student it was judged that the student was in an agitated state.
- There may be times where children may have regular occasions where they lose control and may need individual techniques to restrain them. This will only be carried out by staff who have been appropriately trained to do so. Any restraints will only be done following recommended guidance and training. An incident form will be completed following any restraints used and the parents will be notified.
- All incidents of the use of 'reasonable force' are recorded centrally in the Principal's Office (or in the case of The Buchan School, the Head's Office). This information will include reasons for use of force and the outcomes of the action.
- Under no circumstances can physical force ever be used as a punishment.