

### PHYSICAL INTERVENTION PROCEDURES

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**Early Years and Foundation Stage (EYFS) and the Childcare Register Requirements:** *A person will not be taken to have used corporal punishment (and therefore will not have committed an offence), where physical intervention (physical intervention is where practitioners use reasonable force to prevent children from injuring themselves or others or damaging property) was taken for the purposes of averting immediate danger of personal injury to any person (including the child) or to manage a child's behaviour if absolutely necessary.*

Providers, including childminders, must keep a record of any occasion where physical intervention is used, and parents and/or carers must be informed on the same day, or as soon as reasonably practicable.

The EYFS makes it clear that, where necessary, reasonable force can be used to control or restrain children at risk or posing a risk to others. However, the law prohibits childminders from using any degree of physical contact which is deliberately intended to punish, or primarily intended to cause pain, injury or humiliation.

Children might be guided away from and may be physically restrained if:

- they do something which I consider to be dangerous, hurtful or offensive to someone else or themselves;
- I am averting an immediate danger of personal injury to, or an immediate danger of death of, any person (including the child). This would include situations such as running into the road or dangerous behaviour near water;
- in damaging their own or other people's property, the child might also cause themselves harm.

This list is not exhaustive.

I will use a Physical Intervention Record Form to document all occasions when I have had to physically restrain a child or when a child has verbalised a dislike of being touched or held and ask parents to sign the record, where possible on the same day.

**If you have any questions about my policy/procedures or would like to make any comments, please ask.**

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