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- 1.1. Guidance concerning the use of reasonable force to restrain pupils can be found in section 550(A) of the Education Act 1996, as inserted by section 4 of the Education Act 1997. This provision was extended to include all schools by section 131 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.
- 1.2. This policy should be read in conjunction with the Use of Reasonable Force (July 2013) DfE Guidance document for headteachers, staff and governing bodies and Reducing the Need for Restraint and Restrictive Intervention (June 2019).

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Other policies to be read in conjunction with this policy:

Behaviour policy Health & Safety Safeguarding (Child Protection) Special Educational Needs Search, Screening and Confiscation

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3.1 The Education Act 1996 forbids corporal punishment, but allows all teachers to use reasonable force to prevent a pupil from: committing a criminal offence injuring themselves or others damaging property acting in a way that is counter to maintaining good order and discipline at the school

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preventing a student running off the pavement onto a busy road or preventing a student hitting someone with a dangerous object such as a glass bottle or hammer.

9.5 Staff should always make every effort to avoid acting in a way that might reasonably be expected to cause injury. However, in the most extreme circumstances it may not always be possible to avoid injuring a student.

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to avoid injury to the service user, but it is possible that bruising or scratching may occur accidentally, and these are not to be seen necessarily as a failure of professional technique,

- 9.7 Staff should always avoid touching or restraining a student in a way that could be interpreted as sexually inappropriate.
- 10.1 In addition to the general power to use reasonable force described above, headteachers and authorised staff can use such force as is reasonable given the circumstances to conduct a

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- knives and weapons alcohol illegal drugs stolen items tobacco and cigarette papers fireworks pornographic images any article that has been or is likely to be used to commit an offence, cause personal injury or damage to property.
- 10.2 Force cannot be used to search for items banned under the school rules.
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11.1 The Special

assessments available to staff where it is known that force is more likely to be necessary to restrain a particular student, such as a student whose SEND and/or disability is associated with extreme behaviour. Appropriate training will be given to the necessary staff working with these students on a regular basis.

11.2 Some key members of Inclusion staff and at least one member of SLT within each school will be trained and regularly updated in the use of positive handling through Team Teach Itd. Usually the staff are those most likely to find themselves in a situation that may require the use of reasonable force and are therefore trained to do this correctly and in a lawful manner. These staff must be trained in at least level 1 Team Teach training through a 6 hour positive handling course.

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updated in the use of positive handling through Team Teach at level 1 stage. Some key members of staff within the DSP may be trained within level 2 or advanced Team Teach training, dependent on need within the provision.

- 12.1 All TMET schools and colleges will keep records of every incident in which force has been used, in accordance to TMET policy and procedures and safeguarding requirements. The purpose of recording is to ensure policy guidelines are followed, to inform parents, to inform TMET improvement processes, to prevent misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the incident and to provide a record for any future enquiry.
- 12.2 Staff that can be called if a situation arises include:

Behaviour mentor SENDco Support staff trained and confident to deal with the situation Vice Principal Principal Head of School

Staff to be informed If / when restraint takes