



Positive Handling Summary

At [Greenside Primary School](#), we are committed to maintaining a safe and secure environment for pupils, staff and visitors. The school follows the Positive Handling guidance and procedures of The Elliot Foundation Academies Trust.

In line with Section 93 of the Education and Inspections Act 2006, all members of school staff have a legal power to use reasonable force where necessary to prevent a pupil from:

- Committing an offence
- Causing personal injury to themselves or others
- Damaging property
- Prejudicing the maintenance of good order and discipline at the school

Reasonable force will only be used when absolutely necessary, proportionate and appropriate to the circumstances. It will always be used as a last resort and for the minimum time necessary.

Staff will always seek to avoid the need for physical intervention by using positive behaviour management strategies and de-escalation techniques wherever possible.

The school does not use force as a form of punishment. Any incident involving positive handling will be recorded and reported in accordance with school procedures, and parents or carers will be informed where appropriate.

Greenside Primary School is committed to promoting positive relationships, restorative approaches and supportive behaviour management to ensure all pupils feel safe, respected and able to learn.