



North Road Academy
Centre for Exceptional Children.

Positive Touch Policy

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At North Road Centre for Exceptional Children we have a due regard for our duties under the Equality Act 2010.

We will ensure that we eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations in all areas of School life.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expect all staff to share this commitment.

The ethos of this School is to enable every child to learn and develop.

This policy should be read in conjunction with other policies including Safeguarding and Special Educational Needs Policy.

At North Road Academy we believe that children need to be safe, know how to behave, and know that the adults around them are able to manage them safely and confidently.

In order to maintain the safety of a child, the use of positive touch may be needed.

Positive Touch is a physical contact with a child through; touching, patting, stroking, holding, tickling, hugging and/or physically guiding the child in a gentle and supportive manner.

It is sometimes necessary for staff to have physical contact with a child when they are in distress or need to be moved to avert danger. In these situations, staff may decide to lead a child by their hand/arm or place a hand on their shoulder.

Staff may use acceptable forms of touch to have physical contact with a child for a variety of reasons such as; to comfort a child in distress, to gently direct or guide a child in an emergency to avert danger and during certain curricular subjects such as play and PE.

When physical contact takes place staff will consider the age of the child and their level of understanding.

It is intended that by adopting this policy and keeping all parties informed complaints will be avoided. If a complaint is to be made it should be done through the school's Complaints Policy.

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