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## 38. Physical Handling

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### 38.1 Physical Handling Policy: Aims

It is the aim of the nursery to offer children the opportunity to take responsibility for their own behaviour.

This is achieved by positive modelling by all staff, a rich and varied series of learning opportunities, a consistent set of guidelines on behaviour and expectations that are to the benefit of all the children.

There will be occasions when a child's behaviour necessitates intervention and this is defined as follows.

### 38.2 Physical Handling Policy: Positive Handling

- Giving guidance to children (such as how to hold a paintbrush)
- Providing emotional support (comforting a distressed child)
- Physical care (first aid, toileting, etc)
- Our staff exercise appropriate care when using touch.

### 38.3 Physical Handling Policy: Physical Intervention

- Physical intervention can include mechanical and environmental means such as stair gates, locked doors.
- These may be appropriate ways of ensuring a child's safety.

### 38.4 Physical Handling Policy: Restrictive Physical Intervention

- Used in the context of positive behaviour management.
- In extreme circumstances only.
- Only when staff believe its use is in the child's best interests – their needs are paramount.
- To prevent an accident or injury.
- To restore safety.