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Physical Intervention Policy

Statement of intent

To prevent injury to children and staff and damage to the environment as a result of any challenging behaviour displayed by a child.

Aim

Children need to learn to consider the views and feelings, needs and rights of others, and the impact that their behaviour has on people and objects. This is a developmental task that requires support, encouragement, teaching and setting the correct example.

What is Physical Intervention?

Physical intervention by staff can take several forms. It can include:

- Physically interposing oneself between children
- Blocking a child's path
- Leading a child by the hand / carrying to a safe place
- Holding
- Removing shoes if a child has kicked or attempted to kick a person or equipment
- Placing a child in a 'time out' space with an adult supervising

When might Physical Intervention be appropriate?

Physical intervention is rarely used at Bagshot Community Pre-School (BCPS), as most incidents of challenging behaviour can be managed by talking to the children, calming them down and therefore diffusing the situation. However, in exceptional circumstances it may be necessary for adult intervention for the following reasons:

- When there is immediate danger of personal injury to a child
- When there is immediate danger of injury to another person
- To avoid damage to property
- When a child is behaving in a way that could cause serious disruption to other children
- When there is suspicion that injury or damage is about to occur

Recording Physical Intervention

Incidents of Physical Intervention are recorded in the Incident Book. The report is made on the day of the occurrence by the person who dealt with the incident. Parents/carers will be fully informed on the day of the occurrence at pick up time and will have the opportunity to discuss the incident with the adult who dealt with the matter.

Bagshot Community Pre-School reserves the right to change this procedure where appropriate.