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Dear Parents/Carers,

Alongside this letter, please find attached a copy of the schools Restrictive Intervention Policy which aligns with latest DFE guidance issued April 2026. While our focus should always be on de-escalation, there may be occasions when a member of staff in your school feels it is reasonable, proportionate and necessary to use a restrictive intervention in order to keep everyone safe.

In these situations, it is vital to keep parents and carers fully informed about what has happened, and ensure they are offered the opportunity to discuss the incident with any relevant staff members. Open, two-way communication underpins the restorative process, enabling schools and families to work collaboratively to find ways forward together.

It's helpful to put a 3-step system in place following the use of any restrictive practice so you can inform and support families and ensure they are part of decision-making processes:

1. In-Person/ Phone Call

On the day of the incident, we will let parents / carers know what has happened, either in person or over the phone. This conversation is an opportunity to clarify the reasons for the intervention, allay any fears, and offer reassurance.

2. Written Follow-Up

A Physical Intervention/Seclusion Form will be completed by the staff involved and reviewed by the DSLs. This will then be issued to parents/carers as the written record of the incident.

3. Parental Meeting

If a parent/carer wishes to discuss the incident further a meeting with the school can be arranged.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N. Jones
Headteacher