

## Physical Contact and Intervention Policy

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We are aware of the different emotional needs of children. Wants of hugs, cuddles and kisses are sometimes needed by children. We are happy to hug, kiss (head, cheek or forehead), hold hands, cuddle, tickle your child, providing both you and your child are comfortable for us to do so.

For safety reasons we will hold hands with your child when we are on outings.

If a child needs restraining in any way i.e. separating from fighting or running into the road, we will obviously have to enforce this for the safety of your child and that of other children in our care.

Some physical contact will be needed when helping to wash hands and helping the children to go to the toilet, wiping of noses etc. We are happy to assist with toileting according to the age and stage of ability of the child. If necessary, we will change a child's clothes if they have had an accident.