



North Ridge Community School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to let you know about a change to Department for Education (DfE) guidance regarding the use of restrictive physical intervention (RPI) and seclusion.

As part of this updated guidance, schools are now required to inform parents in writing whenever an RPI or seclusion has been used. Going forward, if this happens, you will receive a written notification via Seesaw in addition to the phone call you would normally receive from a member of staff.

Please be reassured that this is simply a change to the way we communicate with families and does not reflect any change in our approach to supporting your child.

As always, our priority is to keep all children safe and to use the least restrictive approaches possible. In our school, our staff use de-escalation strategies wherever possible, and any intervention must be **reasonable, necessary, proportionate** and for the shortest time possible, with the pupil's wellbeing at the centre of all decisions and dynamic risk assessments. Restrictive interventions are only ever used as a last resort, when necessary to prevent harm and to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

We will continue to work closely with families and professionals to support pupils and reduce the need for intervention, alongside ongoing staff training and regular review of our practice.

If you have any questions about this update, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Jade Soler Alcaraz

Headteacher

