

No Touch

Rule at

TASS



At Totley All Saints, we've outlawed bullying as well as all forms of negative touch as it has no place in our school!



We want TASS to be a completely 'Bully Free Zone' & we also want it to be a place where children can play happily together & not get hurt. As a result, we work hard to ensure that children understand that there is a 'No Touch Rule' in school. That doesn't mean that they can't hug, shake hands or play 'Tig' etc. but it does mean that *no negative forms of touch* are allowed.

This message is reinforced as part of the Establishment Phase at the beginning of the year as well as in assemblies in order that children are very clear about what is allowed & what isn't. This is then picked up on in classes by teachers as part of PSHE, Circle Time activities & P4C.

Because our underlying ethos is Christian, we often refer back to the teachings of Jesus to "*treat others as you yourself would like to be treated!*" (Luke 6:31) & try to ensure that children are taught how to respect & relate to each other in the most positive ways possible.



What is the 'No Touch' Rule?

At TASS, we ask children not to touch other children intentionally unless it is for a **positive** reason.

We ask children not to do the following intentional forms of touching:

- **Hitting;**
- **Poking;**
- **Dragging;**
- **Lashing out;**
- **Scratching;**
- **Throwing things;**
- **Thumping;**
- **Kicking;**
- **Biting.**



- **Squeezing or poking someone** (even actions that might be meant in fun or even to show friendship can be misunderstood & can easily cause upset, anger or hurt);
- **Invading somebody's space** (some people don't like this & can feel threatened or upset very easily).

Sometimes, **negative touch happens by accident** of course. In these instances, it is important to help children think about the other person's feelings or pain. Those who have caused the accident, shouldn't spend their time protesting their innocence, but should rather focus on the other person to apologise & to show care. This can be hard for children to do & needs to be deliberately encouraged.

We realise however, that some touch can be unintentional in its affects such as:

- **Play fighting** (we ask children not to do this as it can so easily get out of hand when someone gets angry, upset or even hurt);
- **Dragging or pulling someone around** (we ask children not to do this as a simple game or show of affection can easily result in problems);



Please help us to enforce this rule!

Please talk over these issues with your child & encourage him/her not to touch others negatively - either intentionally or unintentionally. Things can so easily get out of hand with others left feeling upset & angry as well as hurt physically.

Please tell us if there are issue so that we can try to resolve things straight away! You can let us know by any of the following means: coming in for a chat, a telephone call, sending a note or by email.

Together, we can ensure that all of our children are happy & safe!

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At Totley All Saints, we place the child & their rights, as written in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, at the centre of our school practice. This means that: all children have the *right to an education* (Article 28), the *right to relax & play* (Article 31) & that *this must be without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say & whatever their family background.* (Article 2).

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