

Physical Contact Policy.

As a general rule physical contact between school personnel and a child should always be in response to the needs of the child and not the needs of the adult.

While physical contact may be used to comfort, reassure or assist a child the following should be the factors when determining it.

- Staff should never touch a child who has clearly indicated that he is, or would be, uncomfortable with the contact – unless necessary to protect the child/others or property from harm.
- It is open and not secretive.
- The age and developmental stage of the child.
- School personnel should avoid doing anything of a personal nature for children.