



The Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill

The Restraint and Seclusion in Schools (Scotland) Bill aims to minimise the use of restraint and seclusion of children and young people in schools and would create statutory guidance and duties in relation to its use in schools. This proposed Bill is undergoing the legislative process currently. A stage 1 report was published by Scottish Government on 16th January 2025, available at: [Restraint and Seclusion in Schools \(Scotland\) Bill - Stage 1 Report](#).

The key objectives associated with this proposed bill are as follows:

- Any training in positive handling should focus upon de-escalation techniques, to minimise situations where restraint or seclusion is required. Training must be compliant with the Restraint Reduction Network training standards.
- Parents/carers must be notified if restraint or seclusion is used upon their child.
- Educational establishments will be required to record and report any incidents where restraint or seclusion is used.

School staff currently accredited in Team Teach will recognise that these key objectives are already embedded within Dumfries and Galloway.

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