

Here at Oakwood we some times need to ‘hold’ your child.

There are different ways of holding children, some acceptable some not.

In Oakwood we accept that it is ok to hold a child in the following ways.

HOLDING GENTLY

Staff may hold your child gently for safety or guidance.



HOLDING FIRMLY

Staff may hold your child firmly to stop them from doing dangerous things.



There are different ways of being held and all staff in Oakwood have been trained in Team Teach a method of safe holding for children.

Holding a child firmly should never hurt a child.

When is it OK for staff to hold firmly?

It is **OK** to hold firmly to separate two children who want to hit or hurt each other.



It is **OK** to hold firmly to stop a child from hurting a young person or adult.



It is **OK** to hold firmly to protect a child from danger.



It is **OK** to hold firmly to stop children doing a lot of damage to furniture or buildings.



I hope this helps to reassure you that your child will be kept safe and free from harm, here at Oakwood.