



## Policy Statement – Offensive Weapons

At Summerlea School we pride ourselves on helping children be the best that they can be. Part of this education involves providing appropriate risks for them to learn how to overcome them independently. This opens up doors to creativity, boosts confidence in children's own ability and allows them to experience new activities that they might not access day to day. This context sits alongside the following policy statement.

It is illegal to carry offensive weapons on and around School premises. Offensive weapons are defined as, '**any article made or adapted for causing injury to the person, or intended by the person having it with him for such use by him or some other person.**'

These rules apply at all times. However, as part of our curriculum, items which could potentially be an offensive weapon, may be issued to a pupil by a member of staff at the School or maybe required by the school for the purposes of teaching and learning. Misuse of such items will be dealt with as though possession is not authorised.

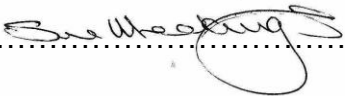
Any student found to be in breach of the Policy will be subject to action under the school's Behaviour Policy. In some circumstances the police might also be contacted.

The staff will use their professional judgement when deciding whether or not to allow a child to share with peers or perform with an item that could be deemed as sensitive.

Risk assessments for the use of potentially dangerous items are completed by the relevant staff and approved by the headteacher prior to children's exposure to/use of them.

This policy was approved by the Governing Body of Summerlea Community Primary

School in: .....November 2022.....

Signature of Chair of Governors: .....

Signature of Headteacher: .....