

Elmsett C. of E. V.C.P. School

Playground and Lunchtime Policy



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1. PURPOSE OF POLICY

To ensure that children play purposefully and in safety during playtime and lunchtimes.

2. METHODS

- We will provide a range of play equipment appropriate for children's age and stage of development to encourage purposeful play, and the development of physical and social skills in particular.
- All play equipment will be maintained in good condition.
- During morning, afternoon and lunchtime playtimes, two members of staff will supervise children.
- All staff will attend First Aid training every 3 years and are aware of procedures for dealing with accidents.
- The pupil team leaders will organise playtime games for groups of children and help younger children to join in.
- Staff will ensure that children play purposefully and appropriately with equipment and each other.
- Children are permitted to bring toys from home but use of these is at the discretion of the class teacher or supervisor. Children bringing in their own toys or games remain responsible for them during the school day.
- Children are involved in developing and reviewing the Pupils Code of Behaviour.
- We will help pupils to learn about keeping healthy through encouraging physical activity, providing fresh drinking water at all times, and milk at morning playtimes, promoting healthy school dinners, and being a member of the National Fruit & Vegetable Scheme.
- Parents are asked NOT to bring dogs into the playground when children will be present.

3. APPENDIX A - PUPIL CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

As discussed with pupils in whole school assembly and staff at staff meeting January 2012

- Try your best.
- Respect other people and the things that belong to them.
- Respect the environment. (Put rubbish in the bins, tidy up your play or class equipment.)
- Be friendly and polite to others, let others join your games; hold the door open for others.
- Do not bully. (Do not hurt others or call them names)
- Avoid playing rough games.
- Listen when others are talking to you.
- Ask for help if you need it.
- Be polite. (No bad language and don't be rude.)
- Walk in school to keep yourself and others safe.
- Line up quietly and smartly.
- Say please; excuse me, sorry and thank you.
- Flush the toilets and wash your hands

- Follow playground and class codes.

4. APPENDIX B - SCHOOL PLAYGROUND CODE

(Agreed in whole school assembly with Mrs Burdiss and pupils - January 18th 2012)

- Wait by blue gate until teacher on duty has checked play area.
- All pupils to be outside on the big playground during breaks.
- Green bands for quiet area, issued by supervising staff
- Red bands, issued by supervising staff, for those wishing to go to the toilet.
- Pupils wishing to play on meadow ask staff first. If muddy, boots need to be worn.
- All pupils to remain in sight of supervising staff.
- Remains of fruit snacks to be put in fruit bin.
- No hard balls to be used.
- Football may be played if staff on duty agree. Goal posts, if used, should be anchored with metal pegs.
- Pupils are not allowed to give piggy backs or lift each other.
- Rough play and play fighting is not allowed.
- If wet or slippery, walk don't run.
- When first bell goes all stand still.
- When second bell goes play equipment to be returned to buckets and pupils line up quietly.
- First person in each line to hold door for their class.
- Areas which are out of bounds:
 - Ditch, hedges, area behind garage, car park and area beyond plane trees, big hill
 - Avoid mole hills.