



HARVINGTON PREP SCHOOL

Playground and outdoor play policy

Usage

Children in the early years will play outdoors throughout the day. This play will be supervised according to health and safety regulations. Further details can be found in the EYFS policy.

Children from Years 1 to 6 will have outdoor play for 20 minutes at break time and 30 minutes at lunch time. This play will be supervised by staff within the required ratios.

When it is raining the Duty Teachers will decide if it is wet break. Years 1 – 3 will remain in the Dining Room with one teacher and Years 4 – 6 will go to the Gym. In Nursery and Transition, the teachers and assistants work out a rota whereby the children are supervised in their classroom.

The playground is also used by each year group for PE lessons, weather permitting.

Staff

Staff on duty should observe girls and ensure no dangerous or anti-social behaviour occurs. One needs to be vigilant also about the number of girls wishing to go to the lavatory. Sometimes, girls congregate there in groups and avoid coming back down. They must not be engaged in conversation with other members of staff to the extent that they are not aware of what is going on around them. Staff need to try to discourage girls from screaming as this interferes with activities in the gym (i.e. choir). The member of staff on duty will hand out a set number of library passes on given days.

Incidents

Any incidents of bullying, verbal or physical (see Bullying Policy), should be noted and reported to the relevant staff. Any such incidents need to be recorded in the book of incidents which is located in the staff room. This book then needs to be handed in to Mrs Evans. Anyone who hurts themselves and require s medical attention will be accompanied to Mrs Millar. Girls who have medical issues will be known to all staff and any required medicines will be kept with the child at all times.

The following rules will be adhered to in order to promote safety:

- There is to be no climbing on the roof of the climbing frame or over the top rope of the bridge.
- There is to be no more than eight children on the climbing frame at one time
- There is to be no climbing on the railings

To be read in conjunction with EYFS playground Risk Assessment

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