

HASLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

PLAYTIME POLICY

It is of paramount importance that whilst our children are at school the activities that they experience are those that will help them to grow and develop as caring members of our school and community.

Playtimes are times when interactive skills between others are needed, when children are learning how to deal with the many problems that relationships with others bring.

Aims

- To provide pupils with a safe, active and secure environment
- To enable pupils to enjoy a rewarding and constructive play
- To promote positive social interaction
- To ensure that all children have equal opportunities whilst using the playground
- That no child will be victimised and left unhappy due to the acts of others
- To ensure a consistent approach to playground supervision by all staff

Strategies

- Provision of active, vigilant playground supervision
- Clearly defined playground rights and responsibilities that are consistently applied by staff and are understood by pupils
- Provision of a wide range of equipment for all pupils

Staff Responsibility

The Head teacher has the ultimate responsibility for the playground and should have a clear overview of the planning structure and organisation of the playground, during playtimes and lunch times.

The Headteacher shall be responsible for the organisation and management of the playground, and ensure that the playground policy is adhered to. He/she will be responsible for organising courses, in-service and meetings for the staff involved, and also to keep the staff informed of current issues in school which relate to them.

Playground Supervisors Role

- To be mobile, but positioned to anticipate dangerous situations and break up potential problems before they occur
- To not leave pupils unsupervised. If additional assistance is needed, a member of management should be sent for, depending on the seriousness of the situation

- Follow the system of liaison to report positive and negative playtime behaviour to classroom staff
- To look into all reports of injuries or pupils in distress. In the event of a minor accident or illness, the pupils should be sent with a helper to the first aider for assistance
- To assist and remind pupils in keeping our playground area tidy and free of rubbish
- To check toilets and out of bounds areas regularly to prevent problems occurring
- To remind pupils that the following forms of “play” are considered to be dangerous and are not permitted in the playground; Any form of body contact sports or games, ie wrestling

Wet Weather

- At break and lunch on wet days, pupils will be supervised in their classrooms by playground supervisors
- Wet playtime rules are made in the consultation with the class, class teacher and playground supervisors assigned to that class and follow the playtime rights and responsibilities

Code of Practice for encouraging Positive Behaviour

Staff are to report incidents that happen in the playground that are a cause for concern. If the incident needs to be followed up immediately, the deputy or the head must be located personally. If the incident needs to be followed up but is not urgent, please report to the class teacher.

There will be regular reinforcement of playground and lunchtime codes, and rules, in order to maintain a positive ethos, through assembly items and in the classroom. Playground staff will be invited to these assemblies.

Playground Buddies

- Encourage children to play together
- Reduce the incidences of poor behaviour, aggression and rough play
- Promote anti-bullying
- Enable children to resolve play and friendship problems in a fair way
- Reduce the number of accidents on the playground through safer play
- Befriend children who are lonely
- Support children who have an issue they cannot deal with by taking to an adult.
- Support the Playground Supervisors where needed.

Health and Safety

- Children must not leave the school premises without an adult.
- All accidents should be reported to the First Aid representative, and recorded in the accident book. The accident book is housed in the Year 3 first aid area.
- A list of children with serious medical conditions/allergies, will be kept in class registers and displayed in medical room.
- A first aid box is kept in the year 3 area and medical room as well as having smaller kits in all classrooms.
- Children are not allowed to remain in the school building unless supervised by an adult
- Children must not enter school during playtimes, unless on a message from the staff on duty outside
- Children must not run in and out of the school building
- All staff must ensure that they are in the playground on time for duty
- Only one person on playground duty should be inside dealing with cuts and bruises
- Staff should not walk around the playground together, but space themselves around to ensure supervision of the playground.
- The office is to be informed if the teacher on playground duty is not in the playground
- We must ensure that all children are happy to be in the playground. If there is a child that complains about a problem, this may mean that the child is being bullied. All possible incidents of bullying must be reported in the first instance to the class teacher.

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Signed
Chair of Governors