



Playground Policy

Reviewed/Updated	Date
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Review	

Play is an integral part of personal expression, interpersonal growth, and community building. To foster creative play in our pupils a 'Buddy' system is in operation during break time. Kircubbin Integrated Primary School wants play time to be safe, fun, and a positive learning experience for our pupils.

Guidelines:

- Children will be encouraged to participate in physical play outside when weather permits.
- Children must understand and respect the physical boundaries of Kircubbin Integrated Primary School.
- Children must be encouraged to take responsibility for the appearance of the school, both inside and out.
- Discipline of students is to be handled, whenever possible through children considering their behaviour, communicating with each other, and thinking through a reasonable resolution. Verbal name calling and/or physical violence of any kind is never tolerated between either students or adults. A cooling down time, when the child/children are removed from the area of conflict, may be required for extremely "hot" situations.
- Disciplinary problems, especially repetitive ones, should be responded to according to the playground rules and regulations. (See below)
- Any concerns regarding student discipline, including, but not limited to, name calling, intimidation, and physical violence, should be communicated to the appropriate school staff member/s, since discipline is the responsibility of the staff.

Rules and regulations:

- If children have questions or if some situation is not covered by the rules, the playground supervisor is always in charge and may stop activity that they feel may be dangerous.
- When the bell rings at the end of play pupils must stop what they are doing immediately and line up. Those using equipment must tidy this away before lining up.
- Tennis balls, soccer balls and certain other soft balls may be used with the approval of the playground supervisor.
- Pupils are not to climb any fences, stand on top off or jump from any piece of equipment.

- Pupils should not go near games in which they are not engaged.
- Children should avoid games that involve rough contact. Physical contact is discouraged.
- Throwing any items e.g. stones, sand and snowballs is prohibited.
- Pupils must not go back into the school building without permission from supervisor.
- Children must only play in designated areas.
- Cooling down area is on the bench outside the staff room window.
- No gun play with sticks or other improvised media is allowed. Supervisors must redirect violent play into constructive and peaceful interacting.

Procedures for supervisors:

- Step one: Verbal warning.
- Step two: Remove child from area of conflict to cooling down bench.
- Step three: Child returns to playground after allocated time out.
- Step four: If inappropriate behaviour continues child will be accompanied to the class teacher/principal.*

* If intervention is necessary a consultation with the class teacher may be arranged with parents to discuss behaviours and a plan set in place.

- Duration of time out is 3min/5min/10min depending on child's age and seriousness of offence.
- Significant incidents should be reported directly to the principal and an incident form completed by the supervisor as soon as possible. (Incident forms to be filed in principal's office and remain confidential)
- If children are injured they will be guided towards one of the first aid supervisors.
- An accident report form should be completed.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be monitored regularly by the Senior Leadership Team and the issues arising reported by the Principal to the Governors. The policy will be reviewed by the Principal and the Board of Governors.

Signed: _____ Principal

Signed: _____ Chair of Board of Governors

Date: _____