



## **Aviemore Primary School Playground Policy**



Gates will be opened by Facilities Management staff by 8.40am. Members of SMT and our PSA Team will be at the gates to welcome children, supervise the playground and escort individual children into school.

Children are not permitted to leave once they have entered the playground.

At 8:50am all gates are locked, unless special arrangements have been made separately with parents/carers of ASN children in order to support specific needs.

Any children arriving at school after 8:50am must enter the school via the office (see late policy for further details).

### **Play Equipment**

Children are permitted to bring small balls (hand sized) and other small toys to play with. Larger footballs and rugby balls are only permitted on the pitch, when it is open.

Skipping ropes are encouraged but must be used appropriately.

School will provide a selection of play equipment to be used by children, which must be used responsibly and tidied away at the bell.

### **Access to toilets**

All pupils will have access to the toilets during break and lunch time. Both upper and lower school pupils can access the building via the fire exits. Heat conservation doors will prevent pupils from entering other areas of the building during this time.

### **Playground Areas**

The main playgrounds (upper and lower) should be opened to children during all intervals and will be supervised by PSA staff (minimum of one in each).

Additional PSAs will be on duty with specifically identified children. Their role is primarily to meet the needs of these children and to promote safe play.

Pitch/Pitch Pass – The pitch will be available on a rota basis as staffing allows. Children will sign a class pitch pass at the beginning of the year to agree to continue the Playground Charter in the pitch space too.

### **Playground Charters**

We have two Playground Charters in each wing of the school. They are linked the UNCRC Articles and have child constructed statements about what we want our playground to be like. Children in the lower wing show agreement with a fingerprint and children in the upper wing show agreement with a hand print.

### **ARC Buddies**

ARC buddies from Primary 7 will have specific duties which will provide additional support to staff and pupils. They will be trained in leadership of play by Active Schools in Primary 6.

### **Adverse Weather**

Children will be encouraged to put on the appropriate clothing and footwear (and suncream if necessary) so that they can enjoy outdoor play all year round.

If the weather does not permit outdoor play children will play in their classrooms, supervised by the PSA team. A decision about an indoor break will be made by SMT.

## **First Aid**

PSAs on general playground duty and the playground supervisor will also carry a first aid kit to enable them to deal with minor injuries while outdoors. More serious injuries will be directed to the medical room/Bothy and a designated first aider will be called to assist.

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