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## **PLAYTIME AND LUNCHTIME POLICY**

Pattishall Primary School believes that pupils' lunchtime and playtime activities are beneficial not just for their enjoyment and health, but also to encourage them to develop independence, social skills and the ability to learn. As with all school activities, these benefits must be balanced with the responsibility carried by Pattishall School to ensure all pupils' health and safety.

### **POLICY AIMS**

- To help develop social skills
- To ensure health and safety regulations are adhered to
- To ensure children are safe
- To ensure children have the opportunity to participate in physical activity
- To develop leadership skills
- To teach playground games

All staff have the responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all pupils in their charge. There will always be a minimum of **2 adults** outside for whole school play times

### **To ensure all children are safe, staff must ensure that:**

- Children must not play games involving physical contact. Adults will be encouraged to role model playing with children, eg skipping, kicking a football etc. Adults should use the skills of the trained "**Playground Buddies**" as much as possible.
- Children must not perform gymnastic, karate, judo etc. moves or cheer leading stunts for which they would require safety mats during lunchtime or playtimes. Cartwheels, handstands etc. are not allowed on the hard surfaced play areas due to lack of space and other safety considerations.
- There are rotas in operation for the use of the football and the trim trail. These are displayed for the children to refer to.
- Children should usually stay within sight and hearing of staff. At playtimes staff will consult each other to decide on the best position to maintain sighting and/or hearing; .
- Staff should be suitably distributed to ensure appropriate supervision, not standing or sitting together in groups.
- Staff should be visible on the playground
- During hot weather, children will be encouraged to wear a hat, sun cream and drink plenty of water. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure that their child has sun 3 protection and a drink in hot weather and they are reminded of this in newsletters throughout the year. (please see our Sun Protection Policy for more details).
- Children will be expected to play outside as much as possible. Only during inclement weather will children have their lunchtime and playtime in the classrooms. Some classes may be combined during these playtimes and the adults on duty will be expected to supervise classes as directed by the Senior Leadership Team or the Midday Supervisor.

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- Children are not expected to be silent during indoor lunchtime or playtime. During these times games/toys etc must be utilised as much as possible. Items must be tidied and returned before the end of lunchtime or playtime.
- The field will be open for use when appropriate. If staff regard the field as slippery then children will only use the playground. There are a number of trained first aiders on the premises during lunchtime and playtime. They have all received appropriate First Aid training and this is kept up-to-date. Staff duty rotas for playtime can be found in the Staffroom.

### **Expectations of Behaviour**

The school's Nurturing Positive Behaviour Policy and Code of Conduct apply to lunchtime and playtime as well as in the classrooms. **Staff on duty at lunchtime and playtime must communicate with relevant staff regarding any behaviour incidents which need following up.**

At the end of lunchtime and playtime, the bell will ring and children are expected to stand still, remain silent and line up. Classes will then be called into school individually.

### **Accidents**

If an accident occurs, it must be referred to an appointed first aider. The first aider then decides on the best course of action, referring to the Deputy Head Teacher or Head Teacher as necessary. If it involves a bump to the head, the child's parent or carer is informed and this needs recording on a head bump letter.

Any major accidents are reported using the school' accident reporting system and the Head Teacher investigates the cause when necessary. All first aid is recorded in the First Aid books. Staff must ensure that the form is completed on the day of the injury.

Safety of Equipment Risk assessments are in place for all the equipment. The site equipment and the environment is checked daily **by the staff members on duty** in order to check for broken glass, damaged equipment etc and will be dealt with quickly and appropriately.

Monitoring and Evaluation The governing body will monitor the policy, and will review it every 3 years unless there is a change in circumstances or a need is identified.

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