

Killinghall CE Primary School Playground Procedures 2018/19

Mission Statement:

We aim to create a happy and secure atmosphere in which each child is respected as an individual beginning to take her or his place within the wider society. We are fortunate in having a playground and grassed area so that from a very early age pupils are learning to play together.

Our Policy is that:

- ✓ All children should enjoy playing outside in safety.
- ✓ Adults will be positive role models.
- ✓ Children should learn to respect each other and treat each other kindly.
- ✓ Children should be encouraged to play in a positive way and learn to resolve problems or conflicts in an appropriate way.
- ✓ Children show respect towards all adults in the playground.
- ✓ Children will be able to play freely unless it is judged that they are a danger to themselves or others.
- ✓ Children take responsibility for their actions.
- ✓ Children learn to support each other through play.
- ✓ Children look after equipment and play sensibly with it, tidying up at the end of playtimes.

How we promote positive behaviour in the playground

Supervision

- ✓ Identified members of teaching and support staff are “on duty” at playtime – see rota.
- ✓ Staff on duty are in the playground before the children – children know that they do not go out until a ‘duty staff’ member tells them.
- ✓ Teachers ensure there are ‘duty staff’ outside before sending their children out.
- ✓ Duty staff follow procedures in taking a first aid kit outside and walkie talkies.
- ✓ Senior staff are available inside to deal with any serious incidents.
- ✓ Pupil play leaders are trained and set up activities.
- ✓ At lunch time play house events are organised.

Positive role models

- ✓ Adults will assist play and talk with children to model positive attitudes such as tolerance, resilience and fairness. Play leaders will be role models for leaderships.
- ✓ Adults will use positive language when talking to children about problems or conflicts; asking open questions such as “why do you think XXX is feeling unhappy?” ; “what happened to make XXX feel cross?”; “what do you think you should have done...?”
- ✓ Adults will give both parties the chance to speak before deciding if any sanctions are necessary. Where appropriate the adult will give the children the chance to decide what sanction is appropriate.
- ✓ Play Leaders model positive play and organise games.

At the end of playtime all adults remind children to stand still at the first bell and walk to their lines in silence at the second bell.

Sanctions

- Children will be given a warning and a chance to improve their behaviour but sometimes an immediate response will be called for and there will be times when a child or children need time to reflect on their behaviour.
- There are 3 steps-
- Standing by the time out board watching other children play.
- Holding an adults hand if unable or unwilling to stand by the wall.
- Being sent in with a note for their class teacher. In extreme cases sent to Headteacher

Staying safe

- Walkie talkies and first aid kits must be taken out to the playground
- Duty staff must be prompt on to the playground and agree separate areas of the playground to patrol to ensure that all children are looked after well.

- Duty staff are responsible for assisting play leaders to get equipment from the store and to put it away and lock the store.
- No children are permitted beyond the bike shelter, on the steps to the learning lounge or path to the pedestrian entrance. Staff must ensure that children remain in the correct areas.
- When the field is in use only the upper playground should be used.
- When the field is in use a line of cones needs to be in place to restrict children going too close to the perimeter hedge/fence.
- Some behaviours- tree climbing; play fighting are not acceptable. As soon as there is any sign that things are going too far they will be stopped. Adults will use their professional judgement in this respect.
- Children are only allowed to go on the climbing wall if they are wearing suitable clothes and shoes.
- If areas of the playground or the gazebo are deemed to be wet or slippery, 'duty staff' will cone them off and inform the children.
- Staff are able to have a drink on the playground, it must be in a safe, heat proof securely lidded cup.
- Children are not allowed to stay inside without adult supervision.
- Children must inform a 'duty staff' member if they need to go inside to the toilet – they must report back to that member of staff as they return onto the playground.
- If a child needs to be sent in to school for first aid, they will be accompanied by a Yr5/6 child and walkie talkies used to inform staff inside.