

CASTLEROE PRIMARY SCHOOL



POSITIVE PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR
POLICY AND
PROCEDURE FOR CASTLEROE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Playground Culture

Children have the right to play in a safe, stable and supervised environment, where they can enjoy a positive outdoor experience.

Parents have the right to expect that their children will be safe while at school.

Teachers and other staff have the right to expect that the playground is a safe and peaceful place to work where they are shown and are shown respect.

Both girls and boys have equal access to the playground resources and spaces.

Children are aware of the importance of caring for each other in the playground.

Children have access to both active play spaces and quiet areas.

All staff will maintain confidentiality when dealing with playground issues.

Our expectations of playground behaviour

At all times we expect pupils to play safely and sensibly, avoiding the use of bad language, inappropriate gestures, rough or aggressive play and the exclusion of other pupils. Pupils must play only in the permitted areas, and will recognise that some zones in the playground are quiet areas. Everyone will have opportunities to enjoy playing and playground games, and will share in the giving out and tidying up of the games on the days that they are in use.

Playground Rules

1. School bags should be left into school in the morning before entering the playground
2. Children need to be respectful and take care of one another in the playground.
3. Adults on duty must be listened to and their instructions followed.
4. No running with sticks or throwing of hard objects.
5. Trees, buildings, sheds, fences and gates are not to be climbed
6. Play equipment is to be treated respectfully and with care, and should be put away at the end of each playtime.
7. No football other than at agreed time with teachers.
8. Outdoor clothing needs to be kept on in cool or cold weather.
9. No child leaves the playground without the teacher's consent.
10. Litter should be placed in bins provided – look after the environment.
11. Playground Buddies will be helpful and caring.
12. Pupils should not be in the building unsupervised for their own safety.

Responsibilities of the Supervisors on Duty

The Senior Supervisor on duty is responsible for allocating roles to the Supervisors on duty.

All Supervisors should be actively engaged in Playground and Dinner Hall supervision.

Children should be encouraged to enjoy the outdoors, explore their environment and play imaginatively, alone or in groups.

Children should be encouraged to manage, with help when necessary, their social situations positively and independently – without *unnecessary* interference from adults.

Children should feel that they can ask for help when needed.

If any game leads to unsafe or negative behaviour, the adults on duty may have to ban the game from the playground for some time with the Principal's authorisation.

Adults need to cultivate a consistent approach to discipline in order for the children to feel safe.

Adults on duty need to oversee and be vigilant of the children's activities.

Negative Playground Behaviour

Unkindness to a child either by individuals or groups of children and wilful physical or verbal abuse towards any child or adult will not be tolerated.

If any such behaviour occurs: the victim may be encouraged to put a stop to the behaviour themselves by saying 'stop' if they feel able but more usually either another child or adult will make it clear to the perpetrator that this behaviour is unacceptable. If this is not sufficient:

- The child may be asked to sit out of the game and reflect on the behaviour for a few minutes.

- The child may be sent indoors to a teacher with an older child or other adult and given a

task to complete for the remainder of break.

- The child may be asked to make reparations to the victim – card, letter of apology etc.
- Parents could be informed verbally, depending on the incident.

Serious Playground Incidents

A serious incident is one in which a child gets significantly hurt, either physically or emotionally, by another child(dren), whether deliberate or otherwise, or when a group of children are involved in serious fighting.

- Ensure that the children stop fighting and are safe.
- Assess injuries and calm situation.
- Ascertain briefly what occurred.
- Children involved must be accompanied inside to calm down, have injuries attended to.
- If complex situation, teacher/supervisor involved may need to be relieved from teaching, while situation is dealt with i.e. details taken of exactly what occurred, who was involved etc.

Reporting and Recording Accidents

Following an accident in the playground, any major injuries will be recorded on the school's accident forms. Head injuries, significant cuts or scrapes and potential damage to bones or muscles will be reported to parents by telephone, as soon as is practically possible, on the day that the accident has occurred. This phone call will be logged, and a note taken as to whether or not parents wish to attend school to examine their child's injury. In the event of an emergency, whereby medical attention is required, the local surgery or ambulance service (if appropriate) will be contacted by school, prior to parents being called.

Expectations of behaviour in the playground will be shared explicitly with pupils at the beginning of the year, and will be reinforced at regular intervals through assembly, circle time, PD&MU lessons and day-to-day classroom management. Parents will be informed via a flyer issued at the beginning of the academic year of our expectations of playground behaviour, and how we promote positive play, and staff will be advised of procedures during Staff Development days and at appropriate intervals.

Procedures for Supervision in Castleroe Primary School

Before School ie 8.30am – 9.00am PLEASE NOTE THAT SUPERVISION IS NOT PROVIDED UNTIL 8.30AM AND CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE IN SCHOOL BEFORE THIS TIME.

At least 2 members of staff will be on duty in the morning. Children should leave their bags in the classroom and return to the playground on dry mornings. On rainy days, bags should be left in classrooms and all pupils should go to the school hall for supervised play.

Break time play

All pupils will play outdoors from 10.45am to 11.00am with a number of playground supervisors (at least three).

Lunchtime

P5 – P7 pupils will play between 12.20pm and 12.40pm and will be supervised by at least two lunchtime supervisors in the playground.

P1 – P4 will play between 12.40pm and 1.00pm and will be supervised by at least two lunchtime supervisors.

After School

No child should leave the building unsupervised. The class teacher responsible will walk the class to the main door and wait for the teacher on gate duty before releasing the pupils to the gate. **Parents are requested to wait at the front of the school to collect children. Due to Health and Safety concerns dogs should not be brought into the school grounds – thank you.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this Positive Playground Behaviour Policy and Procedure.

Addendum COVID 19 September 2020

**POSITIVE PLAYGROUND BEHAVIOUR
AND PROCEDURE POLICY
FOR CASTLEROE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Procedures for Supervision of in Castleroe Primary School

8.30am – 9.00am.

Pupils should arrive promptly at their designated agreed arrival time and enter the school through the pedestrian gate. Castleroe PS pupils should not use the Little Acorns entrance.

Pupils should be dropped at the gate by parents who endeavour to respect two metre social distancing guidance. If parents can stay in their vehicle they should do so to minimise contact.

All pupils should sanitise their hands at the station at the gate and proceed directly to their classroom door. Pupils will be supervised in the classroom by teachers and classroom assistants until school starts.

All staff will sanitise their hands before entering the building, and should use classroom doors if they are able to in order to minimise contact through the school building.

Break Time Play

All pupils will have staggered outdoor play sessions (weather permitting) in areas designated to their bubble group by staff from their bubble. On wet days, pupils' play will be supervised indoors within their bubble.

Lunchtime

All pupils will have staggered outdoor play session in areas designated to their bubble by staff from their bubble. On wet days, pupils' play will be supervised indoors within their bubble. Pupils will eat their lunch at their station in their classroom. This will be regularly reviewed, with the first review date 10/09/2020.

After School

No child should leave the building unsupervised. The class teacher responsible will walk the class to the gate. Should you have a prior arrangement for younger pupils to be picked up by older siblings, the older sibling should collect them from the classroom door at home time. Please respect social distancing guidance at pick up time by adhering to your time slot and remaining in your vehicle if possible.

We would ask that no parent or carer enter the building without having made a prior appointment by phone or email until further notice. All visitors to the school building must wear a mask.

Responsibilities of the Supervisors on Duty

Supervisors will be allocated to their bubbles and must not interact with other bubbles, unless in case of emergency. All Supervisors should be actively engaged in Playground supervision.

Children should be encouraged to enjoy the outdoors, explore their environment and play imaginatively, alone or in groups from their bubble.

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Children should feel that they can ask for help when needed.

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Adults need to cultivate a consistent approach to discipline in order for the children to feel safe.

Adults on duty need to oversee and be vigilant of the children's activities.

If indoors, staff will encourage pupils to respect the one way system and sanitise hands regularly, follow signs on the floor and walls as advised.

What Parents Can do to Help

Please support us in the implementation of this guidance so as to keep our community safe, especially in adhering to drop off and pick up times, and by making an appointment before entering the school.

Please remember all visitors must wear a mask.