

Date Valley School

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Outside Play Policy

We aim to provide a safe and secure outdoor area for the children.

The school premises have a secure outside area to which no other member of the public is allowed when the school is in session.

The staff abide by the following policy:-

- The area will be checked for any objects of danger to the children or any fouling by animals before the children are allowed out
- The gate / doors to the area will be checked to make sure that they are secure at all times that children are outside
- The play equipment kept outside will be checked for safety before the children use it
- Staff should ensure that the playground equipment is being used according to the child's age and ability
- The children will be supervised by the correct staff: pupil ratio at all times
- Staff will be vigilant whilst outside and a replacement member of staff must be found before any member leaves the area
- Regular checks must be made of outside play areas to make sure that anything that could be a potential hazard to children is noted and dealt with quickly and effectively
- If play equipment is found to be faulty, it should be removed from the playground and reported to the school office
- Children are not allowed to play with any equipment that is not meant for play e.g. bike pods, storage boxes, etc
- During drop-off and collection times, the children are not allowed to play with the play equipment including balls
- School management is responsible for checking the playground and the playground equipment every fortnight
- Staff should ensure the children are adequately protected against the weather. In the winter the children should have coats and hats, and in the summer they should be provided with sun cream and sun hats
- Drinking water should be available for the children whilst playing in the playground
- If children are involved in an accident during outside play, this must be recorded in the Accident Book and procedures followed appropriately. (see First Aid and Health & Safety policies)
- We have permission from all parents to take the children for walks around the local park / common, at such times the staff ratio will be higher when deemed necessary

This policy has been read and approved for Date Valley School, by the School Principal and the Date Valley Trust Policy Committee.

Date: October 2013