



Scoil Mhuire Moynalty

Yard Supervision Policy

- All areas of the yard are supervised by a member of the teaching staff at all times.
- A yard duty rota is displayed in the staff room for all staff at the beginning of the month. Teachers are expected to be on duty promptly for yard duty.
- A timetable for Designated Play Areas is agreed at the beginning of each school year and displayed throughout the school.
- Children must remain in their designated play area and are NOT allowed around the front of the school under any circumstances.
- Children are not allowed to remain in classrooms during break times except on days when weather prevents outdoor activity.
- On wet days the children are supervised by the teacher on duty and the SNA. Children engage in planned wet day activities.
- Children use the toilets off the GP entrance hall.
- The Friendship Team co-ordinate lunchtime activities for the younger classes & referee them on the astro pitch area.
- Teacher on duty must ensure that children play with the activities in a safe and appropriate way.
- Children are not permitted to engage in 'hands on', boisterous behaviour, rough play or dangerous games.
- Children must ask permission of the teacher on duty if they need to leave the yard.
- All incidents and/or accidents should be reported to the teacher on duty and not to the SNA who is responsible for the safe supervision of SEN pupils.
- All incidents are recorded in the **Yard Book - Incidents & Accidents** and reported to the class teacher. If the child is involved in a serious breach of discipline the teacher will send home a DFL Incident Note as per our school's Code of Behaviour.
- All injuries must be recorded in the **Accident Report Book** and a copy of the report sent home with the child.
- The SNA on duty will deal with any minor injuries.
- At the end of break the SNA rings the bell. On the 1st ring of the bell the children 'freeze', 2nd ring they walk slowly to their lines and 3rd ring all children to line up carefully and mannerly.

Implementation

This policy supersedes previous policies and is effective from November 2016.

Ratification & Communication

This policy was initially drafted in 2005 with further reviews in 2012 and 2014.

This policy was reviewed and updated in collaboration with all staff during September 2016. This policy was subsequently circulated to all parents and BOM for consideration.

This policy was ratified by the Board of Management in November 2016.

It will be available through our school website and/or administration office.

Review

This policy will be reviewed and amended as necessary by means of a whole school collaborative process.

Ratification of Policy

This policy was adopted by the Board of Management on the _____

Signed _____

Fr. Joseph McEvoy
Chairperson, Board of Management

Date _____

Signed _____

Denise Ward
Principal

Date _____