

NORTHWICK PARK PRIMARY AND NURSERY ACADEMY

PLAYGROUND POLICY

At Northwick Park Primary and Nursery Academy we recognise the importance of play for children's healthy development and that all children need opportunities to play so that they may develop, grow and learn as individuals and as part of society. Play is intrinsic to the social, emotional and academic development of every person, and a method by which children develop their sporting and creative talents.

We believe that break time and lunch time represent ideal opportunities for children to learn through freely chosen experience and that play is a focus that can bring a whole school together.

We are continually developing and improving the playground provision and outside environment. An annual action plan is agreed detailing the planned expansion and expenditure for the next year. This is done in consultation with children.

We aim to provide a stimulating and interesting outdoor play area in order to encourage good behaviour by keeping the children involved in interesting activities. The school has a carefully managed outside area, split into different 'zones' which the children over time all have access to. MDAs and LSAs are assigned specific areas to supervise. At break time 1 teacher and LSAs supervise the playgrounds. At lunch times LSAs are employed to specifically help the Midday Assistants to manage the playground 'zones'.

Sanctions

Whilst good behaviour is praised and valued, it is necessary to have a clear set of sanctions to ensure that all children are treated consistently and fairly. Children are expected to behave well for all members of staff and at all times within the day. During playtimes reception children who present problematic behaviour are asked to hold hands with a member of staff for a given period.

Playtimes/Lunchtimes.

The school operates a system whereby minor incidents are dealt with giving verbal warning. For more serious incidents at playtime a child will be sent in.

For serious incidents at lunchtime a child will be sent in and supervised in a classroom. This will be recorded in a Lunchtime Book. If a child is sent in for the third time in any half-term, he/she will be excluded from the playground for a week. A letter will also be sent by post informing the parents. Any child who reaches this point twice in a half-term will be excluded from school during lunchtime for five days. The parents will again be informed by letter sent through the post. The child will not be allowed to stay on the school premises. Children in receipt of free school meals will eat early in isolation.