

Lunchtime and Playtime Supervision Statement for Woodcote Primary School

Woodcote Primary School makes the following arrangements for lunchtime and playtime supervision:

Pupils' playtime activities are beneficial not just for their enjoyment and health but also to encourage them to develop independence, social skills and the ability to learn.

Our Health and safety responsibilities derive from the Health and Safety at Work Act and pupils are protected by this law because they are affected by an employer's undertaking. London Borough of Croydon has the ultimate responsibility for pupil health and safety.

All staff have the responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all pupils in their charge. To ensure all children are safe, supervisors must:

- Ensure that children do not play games involving physical contact. Adults will be encouraged to model playing with children e.g. skipping, kicking a football etc. Adults should use the skills of the trained "playground buddies" as much as possible.
- Ensure children understand they must stay visible at all times especially when upset
- Ensure children only use the toilets via the designated classroom
- During hot weather, encourage children to wear a hat, sun cream and take their water bottles outside
- Encourage children to play outside as much as possible. Only during rain or ice, will children have their playtime in the classrooms. During these instances, the adults on duty will be expected to supervise one whole classroom.
- The field will be open for use between Feb and Oct (depending on dryness). However, if staff regard the field as slippery, then children will be moved to play only on the playground.

For pupils other than those in maintained nursery classes there are no supervisor to pupil ratios for break times from the DFE, LBC or otherwise. The number of supervisors is a matter for internal management. At playtime the following ratios apply: KS1 playtime – 1 adult to up to 90 pupils and KS2 playtime – 1 adults to up to 180 pupils. At lunchtime there is a ratio of: 1 adult to 30 pupils in KS1 and 1 adult to 50 in KS2.

Walkie-talkies are used by staff to communicate between the school office; senior leaders; field and playgrounds. One trained First Aider is "on call" on a daily basis for each playground during each break in addition to supervising adults. Other members of staff including the admin team are also first aid trained.

All adults are expected to apply the behaviour policy consistently and children should respect all adults equally.

At the end of play/lunchtime in KS1 a bell is rung and in KS2 a whistle is blown. All classes are expected to line up although play equipment monitors and one dinner supervisor are expected to collect all play activities.