



DAME DOROTHY PRIMARY SCHOOL
AND DAY CARE
PLAYTIME POLICY

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Mission Statement

"We strive to provide a safe and happy environment where children are encouraged to be creative, resilient and hard working"

At Dame Dorothy Primary School we have high expectations for all pupils regardless of their starting point. Learning is at the core of all we do making full use of the places around us."

INTRODUCTION

We recognise that playtime is a vital part in every child's day at school playtimes need to:

- Enhance the quality of play in the playground
- Develop any playtime areas to their full potential
- Ensure that all staff involved in playtime supervision are aware of their role and routines.

Aims for Playtimes

Our playground and school grounds are places where children have the opportunity:

- Have a break from structured routines
- Develop new skills, find new challenges and take new risks
- Explore and discover things about the world in which they live
- Take exercise and improve their fitness and health
- Talk to other members of staff
- Be themselves, a place where they can choose to be alone, be private or be with friends. It can be a time to recognise their own individuality and be responsible for their own actions
- Have a fruit refreshment, drink and go to the toilet
- Make new friends
- Learn to play together and mix with other year groups

We aim for children to "enjoy playtimes" and to keep "physically fit" and we take the issue of time spent at play seriously - to a child 'play' is an important part of their 'work'. We encourage children to say if they are unhappy at playtimes.

Playtime Provision

Tarmac playground areas

Field

Trim Trail

Football and other ball games

Tyre Park

Quiet area

Young Leaders activities

Football

All children have opportunities for football. A rota for year groups playing football is in place.

Children are allowed to bring footballs in from home but the school accepts no responsibility for them.

Field

The field will be used during summer months and the members of staff on duty will decide if the children can use the field.

Trim Trail & Tyre Park

They are to be supervised by the adult on duty. The trail and tyre park will only be used when it is not slippery.

Playtime sessions and supervision

A rota of staff on duty is available from the office and also via the weekly diary. The following are details of the session and supervision.

SESSION	TIME	SUPERVISION
Morning Break	10.40 - 10.55	2 members of staff on duty
Lunch Break	12.00 - 12.55	3 lunchtime staff on duty

Staff responsibilities during playtimes

The members of staff on duty need to be on the playground promptly at the start of playtime. At the end of the playtime the whistle will be blown and the children will stand in class groups in the designated area. The teachers on duty will remain on the playground until all children have been collected by their class teacher.

Wet playtimes

Wet playtimes are supervised by the class teachers in class rooms.

Young Leaders

The young leaders allow the children to become active in ensuring that the playground is a happy environment.

The young leader's team's role include:

- Ensuring that equipment is set out and put away.
- Helping other children to play games sensibly.
- Promoting responsibility / collaboration and caring for others.

First Aid Procedure

First aid treatment is recorded in the accident book. Any children requiring first aid treatment are taken to the first aid room located in key stage 2. Parents / carers and teachers are informed of any serious injuries. A copy of the incident is sent home with the child.

Playground rules

Children are made aware of the playground rules at the beginning of each year

The rules are:

- You must not interfere with children playing games.
- Respect all equipment.
- Do not put broken equipment back into the boxes; report it to a member of staff.
- Share equipment fairly.

Children are not to bring in toys and trading cards from home.

Children will be rewarded for positive behaviour and good manners, helpful behaviour and positive play. This may be with stickers or verbal praise.

The adult on the scene will deal with minor incidents of misbehaviour, in a fair and reasonable way, which may result in children losing golden time.

Golden Time

All staff follow our behaviour policy linked to golden time which follows a build-up of reminders and warnings and can lead to a sanction of time being lost in 5 minute increments. In more extreme circumstances a child can be removed from the yard and placed inside under supervision.

Before and after school the supervision of children remains the responsibility of persons with parental responsibility.