

# Itchen Abbas Primary School Play Policy



## **Reasons for the policy:**

The equipment is provided to improve the children's fitness, agility and imaginative play. It can be used to achieve activities and outcomes included in the National Curriculum for PE and personal, social and health education (PSHE), etc.

## **Supervision:**

The equipment is provided for the use of Itchen Abbas School's pupils and should only be used by these children when under supervision by a member of the school's staff, e.g. teachers, teaching assistants, lunchtime supervisors.

- During playtimes, two members of staff will supervise the playground (MUGA) and Field.
- During lunchtimes, there are at least two lunchtime assistants, who will supervise the MUGA, Field and any equipment being used. Staff will also supervise the children on the climbing frame if it is decided to open it for the children to use.

## **Exceptional circumstances:**

On certain occasions the equipment may be used by children of the community under appropriate supervision and within defined numbers at the discretion and agreement of the Headteacher.

## **Clothing:**

Because of the necessity for grip, only recommended footwear may be worn on the adventure equipment. Ties, loose clothing or clothing with toggles, etc., should not be worn.

## **Weather conditions:**

The equipment will not be in use when the surfaces are slippery (during or after rain). This will be decided by the members of staff on duty at breaktime and the supervisory staff at lunchtimes.

## **General use:**

Children will be inducted into the safe use of the adventure equipment and will be guided to use the equipment in a way that does not cause risk to themselves or other children. The following rules apply:

- racing, chasing and tag games are not allowed
- users should not go over the top of the equipment
- children should work co-operatively and have a care for other users in the same area of the equipment as themselves
- the Trim Trail is designed as a circuit and one way of travel will apply: clockwise

- It is essential that teachers induct the children into the correct and safe use of the adventure areas. This may be done in PE time.

Children should observe the rules listed, although teachers may decide not to use certain apparatus and concentrate on one or more locations. Using outdoor play equipment for outdoor challenge activities within the outdoor and adventurous activities units of work requires a more structured approach than play/lunchtime activity. Normal lesson planning will apply and teachers should use the units of work in the medium-term plans as a basis for the planning.

**Rota:**

With our small numbers, and three play equipment areas and scrap scheme play available to the children, it is not necessary to have a rota for our play equipment. However, we do limit the number of children allowed on the equipment at any time. This is at the discretion of the most senior member of staff on duty.

**Sanctions:**

If any child does not behave properly on the adventure equipment in play or curriculum time, or uses it without supervision, they should be warned and their action recorded in line with our Positive Behaviour Policy. Depending upon the seriousness of the offence, the child may be banned from the equipment for a period of time. If this sanction is applied, the child will be identified to all staff and the Headteacher informed.

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