



Woodford Valley C.E (VA) Primary Academy
Playtime Policy

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Woodford Valley Academy is committed to creating the ethos in which children can grow towards Christian life, learning and love.

We believe that playtime is an essential part of the school day and an excellent opportunity for pupils to acquire and learn to use their developing social communication skills and to help ensure relationships between all groups of pupils are happy and inline with our Anti bullying Policy.

This policy has been written by the support staff as key adults engaged in playtimes.

Our aims for play time are for:

- All pupils to take a play break during the day, and that this time is taken outside wherever possible weather permitting.
- That all pupils have the opportunity to enjoy their playtime and to feel safe.
- That pupils know who to go to if they are unhappy or hurt.
- For adults on duty and play leaders to facilitate opportunities for pupils to play, such as skipping.
- To arrange the play area so a variety of play opportunities are available and are age appropriate.
- That our **Woodford Valley Academy Playground Rules** are known, displayed and used by all.
- That pupils, with the help of the adults on duty, learn to look after resources used during playtime including packing them away.
- That resources are looked after and when they need replacing adults are aware.
- That pupils have the chance to sit out of the sun in hot weather.
- That pupils have access to water and the toilets during playtime.
- That pupils can take part in a lunchtime club.
- That no foods in wrappers are taken out to play.

Start of school day:

Children are supervised by a member of staff from 8.30 onwards. A limited number of school tennis balls may be used to play games, this are issued on request. Bags can be left at the far fence by their lining up position – not on the playing area.

Parents must be responsible for non school siblings and little visitors at this time. All children to remain on the top playground and away from any other apparatus. After the whistle has blown they must walk sensibly to their classrooms using the paths and taking care to allow a two way flow of traffic.

Morning break/ afternoon break:

Children to have their 'healthy snack' a piece of fruit or vegetable. Play ground equipment may be used to the discretion of the adult on duty.

Lunchtimes:

Eating rules:

All classes to say grace in classroom.

Children must be released promptly from class.

Stay seated, put hand up if help needed and dispose of all rubbish on way out.

Fold arms to indicate when ready to leave.

Line up on lower playground first and then when told use paths and walk sensibly to return to playground.

Play:

Lunch boxes to be put away in relevant cloakrooms.

Follow the **Woodford Valley Academy Playground Rules** mentioned above.

MDSA equipment only to be used.

Play leaders must wear their hats, take out the play time equipment managed by a member of staff on duty.

A first aid kit is taken out including a sample of ice packs in appropriate container but children needing further treatment should be brought to the first aid room with an adult.