



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

Signed *M. Young*

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

*And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.”
John 34-35*

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 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 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 where there is shade available.
- That pupils have access to water and the toilets during playtime.
- That pupils can take part in a lunchtime club.

Start of school day:

Children are supervised by a member of staff from 8.30 onwards.

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 line up in their class and with an adult walk sensibly to their classrooms using the paths. Taking care to allow a two way flow of traffic.

During COVID 19, pupils go straight to their class from drop off in the carpark. Teachers will be in classrooms to meet the children.

Morning break/ afternoon break:

Children to have their 'healthy snack' a piece of fruit or vegetable. Yr R children to eat their healthy snack in their classroom before or after their playtime. Playground equipment may be used to the discretion of the adult on duty.

During COVID 19, pupils to play in their own play area with their class. Equipment kept in class bubble and cleaned after use or left for quarantine.

Lunchtimes:Eating rules:

All classes to say Grace in classroom.

Children must be released promptly from class.

Ks1 pupils to have 1st sitting lunch in the hall, Ks2 pupils to come in at 12.30 to eat their lunch.

Stay seated, put hand up if help needed and dispose of all rubbish on way out. Fold arms to indicate when ready to leave.

During COVID 19, lunchtimes to be staggered, Yr R and Yr 1 eat from 11.45-12.15, Yr 2 and 3 eat from 12.15-12.45 and Years 4,5,and 6 eat from 12.50-1.10pm. Only those eating hot lunches go to the hall, packed lunches eat in their classrooms.

Play:

Lunch boxes to be put away in relevant cloakrooms.

Children who have hurt themselves are sent to the first aid room with an adult or another pupil.

During lunchtimes, there is a minimum of 2 staff on duty both inside and outside.

The first whistle indicates toys away; the second whistle is for lining up on the top playground in classes.

During COVID 19, class bubbles to play in their allocated area and use their own class equipment.