



Barrowby Church of England Primary School

Adventure Playground Supervision Policy

1. Supervision

- 1.1 The Adventure play equipment shall only be used when there is an adult supervising the Adventure Playground to a ratio of not more than 1:50. Generally, supervision will be one adult per class, and must never exceed 1:50.
- 1.2 One member of staff shall be stationed adjacent to the equipment and shall be positioned so as to be able to view all of the equipment in one sweep. At playtimes the other member of staff should patrol the remaining play area vigorously to ensure verbal and visual coverage as necessary. Children on the periphery of the site should be 'visited' to raise their awareness of the patrolling member of staff. At lunchtimes one member of staff will supervise the Infant section of the Adventure Playground, and one member of staff will supervise the Junior section.
- 1.3 Members of staff shall have a whistle. Whistle control should be standardised:
 - 1 blast means all activity to stop, verbal instructions or whistle to follow.
 - Second blast means all children to proceed to line as quickly as possible.
- 1.4 Those children not obeying the whistle to be reprimanded according to the needs of the occasion and emphasising the safety aspect.

2. Accident procedures

- 2.1 In the case of a minor accident (graze, cut, minor bump etc) the member of staff adjacent to the equipment shall remain with the equipment and despatch the child to the other member of staff for decision/treatment.
- 2.2 If it is necessary for the other member of staff to leave the field/playground area, the Adventure Playground member of staff shall halt all activity on the Adventure Playground until two members of staff are present once more.
- 2.3 In the event of a more serious injury the nearest member of staff shall blow the whistle to cease all activity, send the children on the Adventure playground to the other member of staff and deal appropriately with the injured child.
- 2.4 All injuries to be recorded/reported promptly using existing procedures. Any accident as a result of use of the Adventure Playground must also be recorded on the sheets in the accident book.

3. Procedures for use of the Adventure Playground.

- 3.1 The names listed below are the standardised names for the equipment:

Infant Area:

- Balance beam
- Wobbly balance beam
- Clatterbridge
- Tyre challenge
- Playhouse
- Playhouse and slide
- Spring horse
- Spring elephant

Junior Area

- Balance beam
- Tyre traverse
- Chain balance
- Chain and pole balance
- Overhead ladder bar
- Chin up bars
- Scrambling net
- Twin playhouse and slide
- Clatterbridge

Equipment is inspected regularly. Any damage or fault in the equipment must be reported to the Headteacher or Deputy Headteacher immediately, clearly identifying the area affected. The affected equipment should be taken out of use until the fault is rectified.

- 3.2 Those children wishing to use the equipment shall queue in an orderly fashion, where appropriate. Any child unwilling or unable to comply with this shall be reprimanded appropriately. Recurrence of inappropriate behaviour shall result in banning from the equipment for the remainder of that session.
- 3.3 At the discretion of the member of staff on duty it may be advisable from time to time to consider Infant specific/Junior specific sessions.
- 3.4 Children will be encouraged to take care in the use of the equipment.
- 3.5 Children using the Adventure Playground equipment in a manner likely to endanger or inconvenience themselves or others should be banned from the equipment for the remainder of that session. Repeated offences should be reported to the Head, Deputy Head or Senior Teacher.
- 3.6 Reprimands/warnings should be issued in a clear voice, without shouting. If necessary, use a whistle to halt activity before addressing the child/ren. Ensure the child is aware of the reason for being brought to book and that it is the behaviour, rather than the child, which is unacceptable. Children must be encouraged to accept a fair and considered 'no' as a final answer. Do not respond to 'persuasion'.
- 3.7 If you have any queries/observations please address these to the Deputy Headteacher who will inform the Headteacher and appropriate.

4. Adventure Playground Supervision Policy

This policy is reviewed by the Head teacher, staff and Governors in accordance with Barrowby School's Policy and Review Cycle for approval by the Full Governing Body, every 3 years.

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