

Napier Central School



NAG 5.8 Health & Safety

Playground Supervision

Rationale

All children attending this school have the right to feel secure in their class and playground environment. This environment provides support to meet their recreational and physical needs, promote peer acceptance and self esteem.

Goals

- To ensure all pupils are happy, safe and secure in their school and playground environment.
- To ensure these conditions are maintained through staff being daily rostered to supervise playground areas.
- To ensure all pupils are aware of the rules of the playground in relationship to safety with equipment and the areas defining the playground boundaries.

Guidelines

1. Pairs of teachers throughout the school day will supervise all playing areas. They will be readily identifiable by all pupils through wearing yellow or orange fluorescent vests.
2. Teachers will commence their playground supervisory responsibilities at 1.00pm on one day, completing the 24 hour cycle at 1.00pm the following day.
3. Before school from 8.30 to 8.50am all staff are designated as 'on duty' in terms of ensuring pupil safety and good conduct.
4. Teachers will be prompt to commence their duties of both Interval and Lunch Time, arriving in the playground as soon to the commencement time as possible.
5. Teachers will continually circulate the play area with one teacher regularly surveying the lower field.
6. Supervision duties do not entail the playing of major games or involvement in organising coaching of sport or any cultural activities. They do entail the checking and ensuring that all aspects of playground activities are of a safe nature.
7. One of the duty teachers for the day will cover the court area while the other covers the grass areas.
8. Teachers are responsible for handing over children with accidents and injuries to the office staff and returning to duty as quickly as possible to ensure that in addition to sports staff, we have two staff on duty at all times. Procedures for attending to such are detailed in the Medical Room Policy. All first aid given in the Medical Room must be recorded in the Medical Record Book.
9. Duty teachers are responsible for the safety of all pupils during recreation play- recess.
10. Hazardous and "over – boisterous" activities are to be stopped immediately.
11. On wet days one Duty Teacher supervises Rooms 1 – 7 while the other supervises Rooms 9 - 14. Senior pupils (Yr 6) are allocated to each classroom to provide direct supervision, and models of good behaviour.

12. In the event of an emergency, or problems one supervising pupil will get the supervising teacher while the other remains with the class.
13. On such days children are not permitted to run around in classrooms but must occupy themselves at desks, tables, or on the mat, in some absorbing recreational or “catch up” activity as set by the class teacher.
14. On days when lunch is indoors, classrooms will be cleared at 1.00pm if the weather is fine enough for children to play outside.
15. Whether inside or outside, supervisory teachers must in the first instance deal with any disruptive behaviour. If the necessary discipline cannot be achieved, the case should be referred to a senior staff member or the Principal.

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