

Thornton School – Playground Supervision Policy

Rationale

All children have the basic right to feel secure in their environment. A happy playground is a well supervised one.

Purpose

- To ensure that all pupils feel happy, safe, and secure in their playground environment.
- To ensure that all teachers are aware of the school's procedures and requirements of playground supervision.
- To regularly inform pupils and parents, of aspects of playground rules so that all are aware of the school's operations.
- To establish a sense of pride and care for the environment by ensuring that grounds are litter free and rules regarding gardens, shrubbed areas and buildings are being observed.

Guidelines

1. The principal will organise a duty roster at the commencement of each school term.
2. All teaching staff will undertake playground duties.
3. Supervision duties do not entail the playing of major games or involvement in organising/coaching of any cultural activities. They do entail that checking and ensuring that all aspects of playground activities are of a safe nature.
4. Supervision of lunch entails ensuring that all litter is removed by each group of pupils prior to departing.
5. Teachers are responsible for attending to any accidents and injuries to pupils while on duty.
6. Duty teachers are responsible for the safety of pupils during recreation/play. Hazardous activities are to be stopped immediately.
7. On wet days, all teachers are responsible for setting up or encouraging some quiet indoor activity prior to going to lunch. The duty teacher is to move from class to class during his/her supervisory period.
8. Duty involved supervising the arrival and departure of pupils who use bus transport.
9. Teachers on duty will deal with any disruptive behaviour in the playground in the first instance and report such to the Principal if needed.

Conclusion

Through an established set of procedures the staff of this school will take all precautions necessary. Precautions that a prudent parent would take, to avoid the risk of injury or harm to the health and welfare of the pupils.