



PADFIELD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Out of School Hours Playground Use Policy

- 1. The play equipment can only be used by children attending Padfield School.** They know how to use the equipment safely from their normal school activities. Pre-school children may use the small area at the bottom of the playground under close supervision by their adult.
- 2. Children can only play on the equipment or playground if they are directly supervised by the adult collects them from school.** This ensures that the children are using the equipment properly, behaving to the same standards that are expected in school and any issues or injuries can be dealt with by their collecting adult.
- 3. Children who are not picked up by an adult cannot use the equipment or playground outside normal school hours.** Safe use of the playground depends on supervision by a responsible adult. School staff are *not* available to supervise the playground after school.
- 4. Scooters, bikes etc. cannot be used on the bottom playground.** This stops scooter collisions with people and equipment when there are also children playing close to them.
- 5. Everybody must leave the playground and play equipment as soon as After School Clubs start.** Clubs often involve older children and ball games and we don't want collisions or children being hit by fast moving or heavy balls.
- 6. Collecting adults must ensure that the play equipment is used appropriately and that normal school standards of behaviour apply.** The equipment is designed for use in a certain way. Certain activities are unsafe and are not allowed.
- 7. Children should never climb on fences, walls, railings or slopes.** It is also important that children do not damage equipment or school property.
- 8. School playtime toys e.g. balls, hoops, skipping ropes etc. must not be used after school.** The equipment is carefully stored away and we do not want equipment being lost or damaged after school.
- 9. Children and parents should not stay in the playground for an excessive time after school finishes.** This causes disruption when children need to go inside (e.g. to use the toilets) when the school is locked for security reasons and when staff are working after the end of the school day. Parents must take particular care at the end of the day when staff are leaving the car park to make sure that children do not get injured.

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Chair of Governors

Headteacher