

## **POLICY FOR PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION:**

1. Educators need to remain actively involved in the duty of care for the children from arrival to home time, including lunchtime.
  
2. Our school philosophy is based on brain-based research and a social-constructivism view of learning, which means that we will still regard any outdoor time (and lunchtime) as key times when children learn, as they are still interacting with each other and the environment. This means that the educator will still be involved with the children outdoors and will need to be available to the children i.e. we recognise that learning does not stop at lunchtime.
  
3. There is no formal recess, because we will run a programme that will allow children ‘downtime’ to process, practice, reflect or just to ‘be’ when they need it. Children and staff will gather together to share fruit during the morning, when appropriate.
  
4. We operate an indoor/outdoor programme where possible and appropriate, to enhance and deepen children’s learning and to cater for individual learning styles. We recognise that it is not always possible for 2 adults to be present in all situations at exactly the same time, but there will be one adult outdoors when children are outdoors. The ‘outdoor classroom’ is fenced in and is visible through windows of the building, so even if only one adult is outside, another adult will be near.
  
5. We trust the good nature and behaviour of children who are gainfully occupied and we will support and encourage children to develop social and safety awareness. We see children as capable, active and social. But we also recognise their vulnerability and aim to minimise exposure to unnecessary risk through vigilance and supervision whilst also embracing minimal interference and allowing freedom to play.
  
6. Adults are expected to be vigilant and to move about when ever they are able to.
  
7. Staff have received some form of first aid training and first aid will be provided to children when the need arises. Parents will be notified of any injury or first aid administered to their child by staff.

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