



Playtimes in Our School

Playtimes are a very important part of our school day.

The children deserve time to stop work, play and enjoy spending time with each other. We are lucky enough to have a playground and astro so there's plenty of space for everyone! However, playtimes are also a time when children can build and navigate new friendships, learn how to talk and play with one another and practise skills such as listening, teamwork, kindness and sharing. As adults, we know that practising such skills and learning how to behave towards one another are important life skills and so it is vital that our children are supported. This is why we like to see our playground as a huge outdoor classroom where life-skills learning happens.

We thought it would be helpful for parents to know what happens at playtime, particularly as we have listened to what our children would like and made some positive changes as a result!

Who Looks After Us?

We have a team of **9 Midday Supervisors** who work alongside our **Teaching Partners** to help supervise our lunchtimes. Their main task is to make sure all 421 children eat a good lunch at the allocated time and are supervised outside, so everyone stays safe and happy.

The Midday Supervisors' tasks involve: helping the children with their food and finding a seat with their friends, encouraging good table manners and respectful behaviour, taking children outside when they have finished eating, administering first aid if necessary, sorting out issues or conflicts by facilitating a restorative conversation, organising outside activities, supervising tidy up time & feeding back to their teachers.



Mrs Wood



Mrs Santa- Clara



Mrs Jones



Miss Stephens



Mrs Kelly



Mr Connolly



Mrs Burton



Mrs Kroliczak



Mrs Meepe



Restorative Stars



Our Restorative Stars are well known in our school community and are regularly called upon to put their training into practice and help sort out lower-level difficulties at break or lunchtime. Watching them manage a restorative conversation to help mend a broken friendship is fantastic to see and their ideas of how to make things better really help to calm situations and help children move forward.



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Football Pitch

We have 3 football pitches on our astro and each lunchtime a year group has the opportunity to play football, according to our weekly rota. The children are very clear on what behaviour is expected during a game and know to seek help if they have difficulties- particularly as there is no referee. At the end of the week, each year group have the chance to win a 'Football Bonus Day' on a Friday and everyone works towards this goal.



A Range of Activities

No-one wants to be bored during playtime so we have a variety of activities which the children can play. This includes, skipping, scooters and basketball.

All the children have an opportunity to play with the equipment throughout the week. The scooters are particularly popular and the children have really been using their imaginations in the games they invent!

We are always looking to improve our playtime activities and so we regularly ask for feedback from the children. Our next steps are considering an outside table tennis table and tennis set!

The Playpod



On the top playground the PlayPod is open every day, with a wide range of equipment from Scrapstore for the children to use and build their play around.

There are nets, tyres, chairs, computer keyboards, ropes and much more! The children tie and build, often creating incredible structures and working as a team, older and younger children together, building friendships and having fun.



The Hub Club

We know that lunchtimes are not easy for everyone and sometimes a brief respite is needed or an opportunity to regulate heightened emotions. When this happens, some of our school community use their 'Hub Pass' to access The Hub Club. Based in our Pastoral Hub and supervised by staff, the children can take time out, complete quiet activities and talk about what they need to return to the playground, feeling calmer and ready to play with their friends.

