**St. Mary’s National School**

**SUPERVISION/PLAYGROUND POLICY**

This policy was reviewed in January 2021 in consultation with the staff members of St.Mary’s National School.

1. On arrival at school children will go directly to the playground via the entrance gate at side of school building or into the PE hall where they will be supervised by a teacher on yard duty and an SNA.
2. St.Mary’s NS official opening time is 09:20 a.m. Teachers are not expected to supervise students prior to this time and students should not arrive at school before 09:20 a.m.
3. Children travelling by bus, who may arrive prior to 09:20 a.m. will be supervised from 09:05 a.m. Pupils travelling by bus should not arrive at school before 09:05 a.m.
4. Parents / Child Minders who are collecting pupils from the Infant classroom at 2.00 p.m. are asked to collect their children promptly.
5. Football is not allowed in the playground before school or after 3.00 p.m.
6. The large grass area is divided into zones and pupils play there in age appropriate groups. Until settled into school routines, Infant pupils play on the tarmac area close to the building.
7. On being dismissed from their classrooms at 3.00 p.m. children are expected to line up for their respective buses in an orderly manner and also to bring home lunch boxes - coats etc. Children being collected by car wait close to the school building until the parents are parked in the set-down area.
8. Pupils use toilets in main school if they need to at break time.
9. The school yard is supervised during breaktime. Supervision is carried out according to the rota on display in the staff room - one staff member accompanied by the S.N.A.s
10. An Incident/ Accident report is filled up when necessary by teacher on duty.
11. **Wet Days**: The pupils remain in their own classrooms and the teacher on duty for the day, with the assistance of the SNAs, supervise the class rooms. Teachers in the staffroom are available if needed. .

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**This policy was amended in January 2021. It will be reviewed and amended in the school year 2023-24, or earlier if deemed necessary.**

**Ratified by B.O.M. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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