



South Molton United **Church of England** **Primary School**

Playground Policy

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SOUTH MOLTON UNITED CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

PLAYGROUND POLICY

Play is an essential part of every child's life and vital to the processes of human development. It provides the mechanism for children to explore the world around them and the medium through which skills are developed and practised. It is essential for:-

- Physical, emotional and spiritual growth
- Intellectual and educational development
- Acquiring social and behavioural skills
- Developing good physical health

Every child needs to play and has the right to play, and our new school provides a range of spaces for children to do this. Our biggest resource is our adults who are responsible for encouraging children to play constructively as much as possible. To try to maximize and utilize the space we have, the following guidelines are followed:-

- Football is played in the designated area and supervised – in dry weather, this is on the field.
- A variety of games tournaments will be organized and supervised throughout the year to promote active play and develop physical skills
- The field will be used in dry weather at lunchtimes so children have ample space for play.
- A trim trail is on the field and has been installed on all weather safety surfacing meaning it can be used most of the year. A risk assessment will be made each day to ensure that it is safe to use.
- The banks to the field will be used as part of the play area for children to safely roll down and climb up.
- Seating areas are quiet with no rough games
- The areas outside the hall and KS1 classrooms will be for quieter games
- Children are encouraged to use playground equipment and are taught playground games
- A selection of large loose parts and a large mud kitchen will be available on the field for children to use to support imaginative play and gross motor skills development.

The caretaker will carry out a daily visual check on the playground and this includes litter removal. Any hazards should be reported to the Headteacher or person in charge, immediately.

All staff are responsible for reporting any potential hazards and taking necessary precautions prevent injuries.