



Education & Cultural Services

Policy: Safe Arrival at School - Playground Supervision

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PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

No specific duty exists to provide formal supervision either before or after the school day, but there is a general duty to take reasonable care for pupils' safety and in order to meet its duty of care the Council is required to take reasonable precautions to avoid foreseeable harm. Some form of supervision is already in place in around one third of primary schools.

It is proposed that supervision will be provided at each primary school for 20 minutes before the start of each school day, as this is the maximum time that pupils using transport provided on behalf of the Council will be waiting in the playground. The decision whether to provide supervision beyond this minimum will be delegated to each Primary School. The decision whether to provide supervision will be delegated to each Secondary School, Additional learning needs and Nursery School.

The purpose of introducing supervision is to increase the security of the environment in which pupils are waiting to enter the school building.

Supervision cannot prevent every accident or incident, and it will have limitations. It is not intended that supervisors would register children arriving or leaving the playground, or that they would constantly monitor all entrances and exits.

Parents/carers will be informed of the provision of supervision, and that they will be responsible for the safety of their children if they are waiting on or outside school premises out-with the period when supervision is provided, and that they will be responsible for the safety and actions of their children if they leave school premises.

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