

DCS Playground Rules and Guidelines

Rules & Guidelines for Lunchtime Supervision

Thank you for volunteering your time on the playground. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to talk with the staff member on duty.

1. **During 2021-2022 we will require volunteers for BOTH outdoor and indoor recesses.** Indoor recesses will be decided by the office.
2. When entering the building please:
 - a. Please sign in
 - b. Use hand sanitizer
 - c. Take your temperature
 - d. Wear a mask at all times, including outside on the playground. Masks can be removed when far away from students but must be worn within 2 metres of students.
 - e. **DO NOT COME IF YOU ARE SICK. Please call the school ahead of time to inform us that you are unable to supervise (office: 604-946-2514).**
 - f. Pick up a Lunch Supervisor lanyard in the office
 - g. Find a yellow reflective vest to wear stored in the kitchen
3. Be sure to sign in at the office 5 minutes before your shift begins. After picking up your vest please exit the building by the double doors closest to the field.
4. While outside, it is important to keep the children safe. Sometimes your idea of safe is different than the teacher. **Always err on the side of caution.** If you see something unsafe, tell the students to stop. If they question your request saying they are allowed by the teachers, stop them anyway. If you have doubts about your call, ask the staff member who is out with you. Most times, you will have it correct.
5. Some students, especially young students, will not follow your directions because you are a stranger. Others won't because you are not a teacher. If a student is not following your directions to stop or is in any way disrespectful, inform the staff member on duty.
6. Children are encouraged to show respect for one another. When students use inappropriate language, they need to be reminded of the power of their words and other people's feelings. Depending on the circumstances, an apology may be in order or the student may need to be sent to the office. Speak first with the staff member on duty before making a decision to send a child to the office. A student needs to be accompanied by an adult to the office.
7. Children are not allowed to wrestle, tackle (during games or not) or grab other students, especially around their necks. We want to **encourage minimal contact** as much as possible.

8. Supervisors are to **refrain from all physical contact** with students unless medically necessary in the case of an emergency. This includes games and play that involve contact, like tag.
9. If there is an injury but the child is mobile, bring the child to the staff member on duty for assistance. The staff member will have a red backpack with them with a first aid kit and other supplies. If there is a serious injury, get help. Staff members carry mobile phones. **If the child is not mobile, do not move the student.**
10. The purpose of the lunch supervision is to monitor *all* students. **We ask that parents refrain from speaking with staff regarding their child's progress.** If you have any questions or concerns please email your child's teacher directly.
11. Students in grade 7 are permitted to leave school grounds to retrieve a ball but they must first notify the teacher on duty as well as the office.
12. Students are not permitted to play near the bike racks. This includes sitting or climbing on them.
13. Students are not permitted to use skateboards, bikes or scooters. They are also not permitted to use smartphones, tablets or any other technological devices.
14. All students need permission from a supervisor to enter the building to use the washrooms. Students are not to go in groups/pairs.
15. Generally, supervision is a matter of common sense. Children need to feel safe, accepted and included. Any activity which does not support these attitudes is not welcome.
16. **All supervisors are required to have a criminal record check submitted to the office.** Link for the Criminal Record check is on the Parent Portal or contact Courtney Mawhorter (courtney@deltachristianschool.org).
17. **All supervisors are required to fill out our Volunteer Confidentiality Agreement Form prior to volunteering.** Form is available on our Parent Portal or contact Courtney Mawhorter.

Play Areas

As our school enrolment is growing we have now divided our lunch recess into 2 groups: Recess A (Intermediate Grades 4 to 7) and Recess B (Primary Kindergarten to Grade 3). The intermediate students will play outside first followed by the primary students.

- **Adventure Playground-** Consideration must be given to sharing. Students can be asked to leave if misbehaving or intimidating others. Sporting equipment is not permitted on the playground. Children may hang from the zipline and the adjacent blue rings. Climbing on these two structures is discouraged. Students are only allowed to slide down the slide, one at a time. They are not to climb up the slide from the bottom to the top.
- **Sandbox-** Students throwing sand lose the privilege of playing in the sandpit for the remainder of playtime. Sand needs to remain in the sandbox.
- **Swings-** Swings are meant for sharing. They should not be flipped over or twisted.

- **Hockey (west side)-** Hockey can be played on the west side of the building. Hockey can be played by the music classroom. Nets must remain outside. Students are to bring their own equipment.
- **Fences-** Students must keep off the fences and away from fences (no pushing against the fences). Watch for students throwing rocks/objects across the fence or sticking items through the fence into neighbours' backyards.
- **The only ball games allowed at the south entrance are those involving throwing.** Students playing games there may need reminders to be considerate of others who may need to enter the building.
- Chestnuts, stones, sand, wood chips in the playground and any other object other than a ball should not be thrown.
- **Hydro box, earthquake container, & trash dumpster-** Climbing on the containers is not permitted.
- **Shipping Containers** - Students are not allowed to go behind either of the storage containers in the backfield.
- **Equipment.** At the end of the lunch hour, all school equipment must be returned to the equipment shed outside or deck box, near the south entrance. A staff member is to ensure that the children return equipment and take in their coats and sweaters, etc. All equipment will be stored away at the end of afternoon recess. At this time, students are being encouraged to bring their own equipment from home. Each class has their own ball(s) and equipment and may bring them out with teachers' permission.

Outdoor Day Rules and Guidelines for Supervisors

1. Sign up for lunch supervision duty using the *OnVolunteers* program.
2. Upon Arrival: sign in, use hand sanitizer, take your temperature, wear a mask at all times, **DO NOT COME if sick.**
3. Take a lanyard from the front desk. This lanyard will indicate you are a Lunch Supervisor to the children. Each lanyard is assigned to a specific zone of supervision. Please refer to the map to ensure you understand which zone you are to be monitoring that day.
 - a. Priority of Zone Coverage for parents:
 - i. First priority is Zone 2 Field
 - ii. Second priority is Zone 3 Playground
 - iii. Third priority is Zone 1 Pavement
4. Pick up a safety vest from the kitchen.
5. Head outside to your designated zone. Please actively supervise by moving through the zone of supervision. We encourage you to introduce yourself and interact with students, from a distance. Supervision is at its best when supervisors are not on smartphones or socializing with staff and other volunteers. Playground supervisors are not to use smartphones during their duty. This includes internet browsing, phone calls or taking photos/videos of students.
6. Encourage students to gather their personal equipment.
7. Return vest to kitchen and lanyard to office. Sign out.

Indoor Day Rules and Guidelines for Supervisors

1. Parent lunch supervisors will need to wear a lanyard during indoor recess.
2. Indoor recess location assignment:
 - a. Intermediate Recess Monitoring Zones
 - i. Grades 4 and 5 classrooms (upstairs)
 - ii. Grades 6 and 7 classrooms (upstairs)
 - iii. Grades 4-7 hallway (upstairs)
 - b. Primary Recess Monitoring Zones
 - i. Kindergarten wing (down)
 - ii. Grades 1 and 2 wing (down)
 - iii. Grades 2 and 3 wing (upstairs)
3. There is a rotation of classes to use the gym on rainy days.
4. Supervisors need to occasionally check the washrooms.
5. No running in the hallway and staircase.

