Victor Harbour Community Kindergarten

Playground Safety Limits

Climbing
1. Staff need to follow safety standards when placing climbing equipment out. Consider fall height and proximity to boundaries. Please refer to the Standards guidelines posted by boards in the shed.
2. Please place blue mats under climbing frames if setting up climbing on the lawn. Safety Standards require soft fall for all heights.
3. Children are not to move climbing equipment without permission with staff member. The climbing can change as part of their child initiated curriculum plan where staff and children work together.
4. If children are jumping off climbing frames onto mat a staff member needs to monitor safety.
5. With slippery dips, remind children to slide down one at a time and wait until that child has moved away from the bottom before the next child slides down. Crawling up is to be actively discouraged. Children are asked to slide on bottom with legs out the front.
6. Climbing trees is to be actively discouraged for children's safety and care and respect of the trees themselves.
7. Climbing on fences is to be actively discouraged. Staff are to monitor fences throughout the session and alert all staff of “potential risk climbers”.

Platform rules.
*Children are to move safely on the platform.
*Sitting or climbing over timber barrier is considered unsafe behaviour and to be actively discouraged.

Sand Play.
*Consider weather conditions and alert children to windy days where sand may blow in their eyes. Need to take extra care in the sandpit. Wet the sand prior to use.
*Children are to be encouraged to dig in a safe manner.
*No throwing sand.
*Keeping spades below shoulder height.
*Pipe play needs to be supervised. It can be hazardous if child falls on the open edge of a standing pipe or if children put the pipes on their arms and they accidentally fall.
*Be careful when digging so that sand is not flicked up into someone’s eyes.
*Children are to help keep sand pit safe by sweeping paving and raking to remove debris.
*Children are to assist in packing up sand toys and placing in correct storage boxes.
Shoes may be taken off for sandpit play. Provide a place for shoes to be stored – box, basket lid, etc…Children need to put on shoes when leave sandpit.

Walking with bare feet around the yard is considered unsafe and a potential hazard due to bees, wasp and sharp objects.

* **No running through the sandpit** and around the sand pit – potential for slipping and for knocking over children at play.

**Swings**
Children to sit down on swings - no standing while swinging. Lying on stomach is permitted for back and forth motion – no twirling.

**Running**
Running in unsuitable areas – teacher to assess the purpose of the running play and facilitate safer play.

**Digging patch**
* Metal spades are only for the digging patch only - sand tends to sharpen up the metal edges. Monitor if sand trucks are in use in digging patch and replace sharp spades with plastic ones.

**Woodwork Area**
* Children are required to use tools in a safe and proper manner.
* Children are required to wear shoes for safety.
* Woodwork tools are to stay on the woodwork table and are not permitted to be used for other purposes.

**Shed**
* The shed is considered a potential hazard for children if left unattended.
* Children may enter shed with staff member to collect resources for their play.
* Shed door to be kept shut at all other times to reduce possibilities of accidents.
* Children are asked to assist staff pack away all equipment at the end of the day and place near entrance to the shed.

**Sun Safe**
Hats are to be worn at all times - check children’s shoulders are covered.

Everything has a home - encourage children to leave resources in the place that they find them.