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Wrap Around Care Play Policy 2024-2028

Turn your ear to wisdom and apply your heart to understanding (Proverbs 2:2)

Broadwater is a Christian School. We will enable children to become wise, confident, successful learners with the motivation, skills and responsibility to make a positive difference in God's world. Our vision is underpinned by the values we live by.

The Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Galatians 5:22

It is this fruit that, in partnership with parents, we will instil in the children of our school.

Broadwater Church of England Primary School Play Policy

All children are entitled to play; it is intrinsic to their quality of life and an important part of how they learn and enjoy themselves. It is also a key component of a healthy lifestyle, enabling good physical, emotional, mental and social development. At its most successful, it offers children and young people as much choice, control and freedom as possible.

At Broadwater Church of England Primary School we recognise the importance of play to a child's development. Our staff will support and facilitate play. We will never force children to participate in play and will (where possible) allow children to initiate and direct the experience for themselves.

Facilitating play

We support and facilitate play by having an activity plan for each daily after school session:

- Providing an environment which is safe, suitable and attractive for playing in
- Ensuring the children have access to a range of activities to enhance their development, such as STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), physical, creative, new skills, games and drama
- Providing a range of equipment, resources, and activities on a daily basis
- Recognising that children will be at different stages of development and learning and providing a range of resources and equipment to reflect this
- Encouraging children to request additional or alternative equipment as they choose, and if a request has to be refused, explaining why
- Recognising children may need some quiet, reflective time and providing them space and time to facilitate this
- Making outdoor play available every day, where possible, unless the weather is particularly bad
- Involving children in planning activities to reflect their own interests and ideas
- Planning activities that enable children to develop their natural curiosity and imagination
- Allowing children freedom of creative expression, particularly in artistic or creative play
- Building relationships to understand and enhance the children's likes, interests, ideas and suggestions and incorporating these into our planning
- Warning children in advance when an activity or game is due to end unless circumstances make this impossible (i.e. emergencies)

Play areas and equipment

- All indoor and outdoor play areas are checked regularly for safety.
- Staff regularly review their resources and equipment in order to identify where any additional resources and equipment are required or need replacing
- Staff review and reflect on their planning and make changes to improve the quality of our care
- Children are involved in selecting additional equipment and resources for use at the club
- The resources used at our club's promote positive images of different ethnic backgrounds, religions, and abilities, in line with our Equal Opportunities policy
- Our clubs have a selection of fiction and non-fiction books, suitable for all age ranges

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