

Widford Lodge
PREPARATORY SCHOOL



14a and 14c

Supervision of Pupils Policy

This policy applies to all pupils at Widford Lodge School including those in the EYFS

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Aim

Widford Lodge Preparatory School is committed to ensuring that pupils are safe and appropriately supervised both in school and during school activities or educational visits offsite. The safety of pupils is of paramount importance and we maintain vigilance over the pupils at all times and ensure that procedures are followed by all members of staff.

Introduction

This document should be read in conjunction with the school's policies on Safeguarding, Anti-Bullying, Missing/Not Collected Children and the Promotion of Good Behaviour. The Proprietor and Headteacher are required to ensure, as far as possible, that adequate supervision for pupils takes place throughout the school day. The school is therefore committed to ensuring that:

- Pupil supervision and security always forms part of the risk assessment for any activity or visit
- Supervision of pupils takes into account the age, maturity, needs, and numbers of pupils as well as the location and type of activities in which they are engaged
- Staff ratios for supervision are within regulatory guidelines at all times, including the mandatory staffing ratios for EYFS provision
- Appropriate staff duty rotas are in place that demonstrate levels of staff supervision which are satisfactory in terms of numbers and staff competence for the pupils and activity involved.

Widford Lodge Preparatory School is fully committed to ensuring that the application of this supervision policy is non-discriminatory in line with the UK Equality Act 2010.

Procedures

To ensure pupils' personal safety, all employed staff have been checked using an enhanced disclosure from the DBS and adults without such a check have no unsupervised access to pupils. Whenever pupils are on the premises at least two adults are present, one of whom is appropriately trained in First Aid.

Systems are in place to prevent unauthorised access to our premises, with all visitors and volunteers being required to sign in and out via the school office. The site has been made secure for the safe arrival and departure of pupils.

Staffing Ratios

Class sizes are a maximum of 20 pupils.

In EYFS Reception, where children are 4 and 5, there are four members of full time staff, two of whom are qualified teachers with Level 6 status and two who are Level 3 qualified Learning Support Assistants.

In EYFS Pre-School, where the children are 2 ½ - 4, there are 2 full time members of staff and 2 part time members. All staff hold Level 3 status. Ratios of 1:4 are maintained for under 3 year olds and 1:8 for 3 and 4 year olds.

Please note that the supervision details outlined in the main body of this document are those operating in normal circumstances. The covid 19 pandemic has necessitated significant changes to timings and supervision, outlined in bold as follows:

Pupils have been divided into four bubbles: EYFS Preschool and Reception; Forms 1 and 2; Forms 3 and 4; and Forms 5 and 6.

No parents are allowed onsite without a prior appointment. All pupils are dropped at one of the entrance gates which are supervised by school staff at all drop off and pick up times.

Bubbles 1 and 4 enter via the playground gate and bubbles 2 and 3 via the hall gate. Parents use the stop and drop driveway between 8 and 8.40am. A teacher is in each form room from 8.15am each morning.

All bubbles have different break times and designated playzones. All bubbles have different lunchtimes in the hall. Each class has a designated place to wash their hands on arrival, before and after break and lunch and at other times as necessary.

Children are not moving around for lessons, other than for Computing. Teachers are moving around and children are staying in their form rooms.

There are four different pick up times at the end of the day. Bubble 1 at 3.10 from the playground gate, bubble 2 at 3.15 from the hall gate, bubble 3 at 3.40 from the hall gate and bubble 4 at 3.50 from the playground gate. From 4pm parents can use the driveway for collection from clubs or the late stay facility. From 4pm all pupils in the late stay facility are in the same room but sit in their own bubble groups.

Clubs have been designated for one bubble only ie Pre Prep clubs are for Forms 1 and 2 and take place in a classroom used by this bubble and Prep clubs are either for Forms 3 and 4 or for Forms 5 and 6.

Staff accompany pupils out to break, throughout the lunch period and to be dismissed at the end of the day so that bubbles do not mix. Supervision timetables are more detailed and complex as a result of the additional supervision and number of different breaks/lunches/pick ups.

Supervision Throughout the School Day

| Time | Procedure for Supervision |
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| Before 8am | No children on premises, gates and front door locked |
| 8am | Black entrance gate opened and staffed by a Learning Support Assistant |
| 8am – 8.30am | <p>EYFS Pre-School children and parents enter either via black gate or through camera phone on front door. Once inside the Pre-School, children remain with the EYFS Pre-School staff until they are collected to go home.</p> <p>EYFS Reception children go to Early Birds facility in the Pre School, where a register is taken.</p> <p>Forms 1-5 drop their belongings in their classroom and go out to play. The playground has a Learning Support Assistant circulating on duty from 8am, with additional teachers available as necessary. An additional Learning Support Assistant comes out on duty from 8.15am-8.45am.</p> <p>Form 6 have the option to stay in their form room.</p> |
| 8.30am – 8.45am | <p>EYFS Reception children go to their form rooms, where they are supervised by their teacher.</p> <p>Forms 1-5 continue to arrive and play as above.</p> <p>Form 6 continue to arrive and play/stay as above.</p> |
| 8.45am | Black entrance gate is locked. |
| 8.45am to break time | Assembly/lessons. |
| 10.30am – 11.10am EYFS Pre School | EYFS Pre School staff supervise children in the EYFS garden (at least 4 members of staff with no more than 20 children) |
| EYFS Reception and Pre Prep break (normally 10.25am – 10.45am) | Learning Support Assistant supervises own class in playground. At least 3 Learning Support Assistants are Level 3 qualified. They can call upon additional staff in the office and staffroom if needed. |
| Prep break 11.15am – 11.30am | Two Learning Support Assistants supervise children in playground, rotating around premises. They can call upon additional staff in the office and staffroom if needed. |
| 11.50am – 12 noon | EYFS Pre School staff supervise children who are going home at midday (2 members of staff with no more than 5 children). |
| EYFS Pre-School, EYFS Reception and Pre Prep lunch (starts at 11.50am) | Pre-School staff (3 members of staff with no more than 16 children), teachers and Learning Support Assistants supervise the children eating lunch in the Hall. Children return to Pre-School and continue their day or to their classrooms until 12.40pm, supervised by teachers and Learning Support Assistants. |

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| 12.30pm – 1.10pm EYFS Reception and Pre Prep lunch break | EYFS Reception and Pre Prep supervised outside by four Learning Support Assistants who cover all zones of the playground (at least 3 of them are Level 3 qualified). There is one nominated Learning Support Assistant who stays in the same zone and is informed if any others have had to go inside to help a child. |
| 12.30pm – 2pm Prep lunch break (one hour break for each class, on rolling timetable) | Prep children go into playground until they are called into lunch, starting at 12.30 and continuing on a rolling basis. A Learning Support Assistant supervises the children waiting to enter the Hall for lunch, at the side door to the Hall. Children are supervised by members of staff in the Hall while they eat their lunch and then return outside to play. The Learning Support Assistant who supervises the children waiting also stays in the Hall until all children have finished eating. |
| 1.10pm – 2pm | A Learning Support Assistant and a teacher (the duty is split between three teachers so each does 20 minutes) supervise lunchtime break, circulating and periodically checking the changing rooms. |
| 2pm EYFS Pre School | EYFS Pre School staff supervise children in the EYFS garden (2 members of staff with no more than 16 children) |
| 2.45pm – 3.15pm | EYFS Pre School parents are let into the main building by the Pre School staff to collect from the Pre School by pressing the appropriate button at the front door. They then buzz on the Pre School door to collect their child, are let in by Pre School staff and their children are signed out by Pre School staff. |
| 3.15pm – 3.25pm EYFS Reception and Pre Prep hometime | The black gate is opened and staffed by a Learning Support Assistant, checking that children leave with their parent/carer. In classrooms, teachers dismiss children to their parent or named carer. Form 1 are dismissed by their teacher in the playground or at the classroom door and Form 2 by their teacher at the wooden gates. Any Pre Prep children not collected remain in their classrooms with the Learning Support Assistant. Pre School parents arriving at this time can enter the main building and then buzz on the Pre School door, where a member of Pre School staff lets them in and signs their child out. |
| 3.25pm | The black and wooden gates are shut. Any EYFS Pre School children staying for late stay remain in the Pre School with Pre School staff. Pre School parents arriving at this time can enter the main building and buzz on the Pre School door, where a member of Pre School staff lets them in and signs their child out. Any EYFS Reception children not collected go to Late Stay in the Pre School or to clubs (Summer Term only). Any Pre Prep children not collected are taken to Late Stay in Room 3 or to after school clubs. |
| 3.25pm – 4.30pm EYFS Reception and Pre Prep late stay and clubs | When EYFS Reception and Pre Prep clubs finish, children are either dismissed from the club to their parent/named carer or are taken to Late Stay by the teacher leading the club. Pre Prep Late Stay takes place in Henry's House, where children are |

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| | <p>supervised either by a teacher or a Learning Support Assistant, until they are collected by their parent or named carer.</p> <p>Between 3.25pm and 3.45pm, the gates remain locked and parents/carers have to gain admittance to school by using the camera phone entry system at the front door, answered by the office.</p> <p>At 4.30pm, any Pre Prep children not collected are taken to Room 4, the Prep facility. Pre-School staff take follow up action for any Pre School children not collected by 4.30pm.</p> |
| 3.45pm – 4.00pm Prep School hometime | <p>Children are dismissed from lessons at 3.45pm and are sent to collect their belongings.</p> <p>The black gate is opened and staffed by a Learning Support Assistant, who ensures that children leave with their parent/named carer.</p> <p>A teacher is on duty in the playground, supervising those children who are staying for the Prep facility or for clubs.</p> |
| 4.00pm | <p>The black gate is locked. Any children not collected by this time either go to their after school club to be registered or go to Room 4 to be registered for the Prep facility. The teacher who had been on duty in the playground checks that all children have done this and liaises with the teacher or Learning Support Assistant on Prep duty to check whether there are any children who signed up for Prep who have not arrived; if so, they follow up the whereabouts of these children.</p> |
| 4.30pm | <p>Pre School staff would try to contact the parents of any child not collected, where a reason has not already been given. Two members of staff would stay with them until collected.</p> |
| 4.00pm– 5.30pm | <p>Children are dismissed from Prep or clubs by the teacher or Learning Support Assistant on duty, to their parent or named carer, who gains entry to the school by the camera phone at the front door, answered by the office.</p> <p>If parents/carers know they are running late, they usually contact school by telephone.</p> <p>Between 4pm and 5.30pm, children are signed out by their parent/carers and collected from room 4.</p> <p>At 4.30pm EYFS Reception and Pre Prep children not already collected join the Prep facility in room 4.</p> <p>At 5.30, the Learning Support Assistant on Prep duty would try to contact the parents of any child not collected, where a reason has not already been given.</p> |

Throughout the school day, EYFS Pre-School parents arriving after 8.45am and at any time thereafter to collect their children gain entry to school by using the Pre-School camera phone entry system, manned separately by the Pre-School. They then also have to ring the

buzzer to gain entry to the Pre-School once inside the school building. This also applies to parents arriving to collect their EYFS Reception children from Late Stay.

Any children not collected by the end of the Late Stay and Prep facility times are supervised in accordance with the school's Missing Child and Child Not Collected policy.

The staff handbook outlines specific guidance for members of staff on supervision during playtime, wet break and Prep duty.