

Struthers Primary School
Playground Policy



RIGHTS (from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of A Child)

Article 15 (freedom of association)

Every child has the right to meet with friends and join groups and clubs as long as it doesn't harm or stop other people enjoying their rights.

Article 19 (protection from all forms of violence)

A child has the right to be protected from all harm, abuse, neglect and mistreatment by their family or whoever looks after them. They should be looked after and kept safe.

Article 23 (disability)

Children have a right to special care and support if they are disabled.

Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

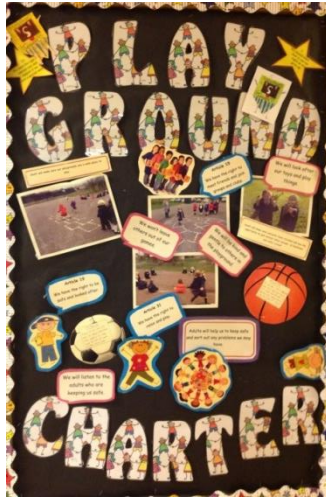
Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Children

- We will look after our equipment, toys and play things.
- We will be kind and gentle to others in the playground respecting each other's space.
- Everyone must be able to be included and feel valued in our games.
- We will treat all adults and pupils with respect.

Adults

- All adults will treat children and each other with respect.
- Staff will help to keep us safe and help us sort out any problems we may have.
- Staff will make sure everyone feels included and have the opportunity to join various clubs/groups at lunchtime and after school.
- All adults will treat children and each other with respect.



Playground charter

To provide a safe and inclusive space for all our pupils we have worked together to create a zoned playground to be used appropriately. There will always be 3 adults supervising in the playground. During periods of warm weather, all pupils may be permitted to use the grass area.

Infant End

This remains a safe place for our P1 and P2 pupils to play. Football will be enjoyed at the fence with the double gates near the green huts. This will be the only area for football or ball games. The rest of the space can be enjoyed. We have seating areas on the grass for quiet time and pupils can take part in exploratory play using the train and musical wall. The train should not be climbed upon and no child should be on the roof. There are also painted games on the playground surface. At times, older children may be permitted to play in this area as buddies for the younger pupils.

Chill Out Area.

This is now in the seated area nearest the infant playground and is for quiet time to sit and talk or read. This is not for any type of active games or performance and will provide a quiet reflective space for pupils who wish this, **respecting their right to privacy (Article 16)**.

Sports area- No Ball Games

This space is at the side of the school. There are painted games on the surface of the playground. There is a white board to record scores and solar timer to time races and other games.

There will be no ball games here.

Performance Zone

This is at the top of the side playground and has the seated area facing the backdrop chalkboard. The seats are for sitting on and no pupil will be seen to be standing on these very expensive additions to the playground. This is an area for creating and performing and will not be interrupted by any sporting games or running around.

(Article 29 - Education must develop a child's personality, talents and abilities to the full)

Ball Games

At the back of the school there is space for ball games and if weather permits, classes will be allowed on the grass also on a rotation.

P7 and P5 will access it Tuesday and Thursday, P3, P4 and P6 will access on Wednesday and winning house will have grass on Monday.

All adults supervising will be treated with respect and all children will understand that if they are not respectful to staff or other children will be given time out and could be asked to keep away from certain zones.

