Frome Vale Academy

Lunchtime and Playtime Supervision Statement 2025/ 2026

Frome vale Academy makes the following arrangements for lunchtime and playtime supervision:

Pupils' playtime activities are beneficial not just for their enjoyment and health but also to encourage them to develop independence, social skills and the ability to learn.

Our Health and safety responsibilities derive from the Health and Safety at Work Act and pupils are protected by this law because they are affected by an employer's undertaking.

Cabot Learning Federation has the ultimate responsibility for pupil health and safety.

All staff have the responsibility to ensure the health and safety of all pupils in their charge.

To ensure all children are safe, supervisors must:

- Ensure that children do not play games involving physical contact. Adults will be encouraged to model playing with children e.g. skipping, kicking a football etc.

- Ensure children only play with FVA purchased play equipment (climbing frames, trikes, balls etc). We do allow any non FVA play equipment.

- Trikes should only be used in the designated area and all children riding a trike must be wearing a crash helmet provided by the school

- Ensure children understand they must stay visible at all times especially when upset

- Ensure children only use the toilets via the designated route through the EYFS playground

- During hot weather, encourage children to wear a hat, sun cream and take their water bottles outside. A water station will also be set up in hot weather. Parent reminders will be sent home.

- Encourage children to play outside as much as possible. Only during heavy rain, severe heat or severe ice, will children have their playtime

in the classrooms. During these instances, the adults on duty will be expected to supervise one whole classroom.

- The field will be open for use all year (depending on dryness). However, if staff regard the field as slippery, then children will be moved to play only on the playground. Children must have wellies to wear on the field when it is wet.

- There is an adult monitoring the climbing frame area at every break and lunch time

- Staff are required to stand in their 'zone' to supervise as per the timetable issued.

- Bikes and scooters are stored in the bike racks and scooter parks and must not be ridden during the school day. The exception to this would be the bikes being used by their owner for Bikeability training

Rules are implemented for the playpod equipment in the playground:

- Playpod equipment should only be used on the playground, not on the field
- All children are expected to tidy away the equipment they have used.
- Children should only play with scrap on scrap, not scrap to body
- Children and adults should report any unsafe scrap to SLT
- Children should share the scrap

For pupils, other than those in maintained nursery classes, there are no supervisor to pupil ratios for break times from the DFE, Local authority or otherwise. The number of supervisors is a matter for internal management. At playtime the following ratios apply:

At breaktime there is a ratio of: 6:205
At lunchtime there is a ratio of: 3:90 in KS1 and 3: 120

All members of staff are first aid trained or will be first aid trained.

All adults are expected to apply the behaviour policy consistently and children should respect all adults equally.

At the end of play/lunchtime a handbell is rung. All classes are expected to line up although play equipment monitors and one dinner supervisor are expected to collect all play activities.