Supervision Policy

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Supervision of Pupils (Whole School)

Policy Statement

This policy and the procedures include all pupils and those in the EYFS setting. Appropriate supervision of all pupils at all times is an essential component of the School responsibility to promote the welfare of pupils. The level of supervision will vary depending on the activity taking place and if necessary a risk assessment should be carried out to ascertain what level of supervision is necessary. The safety and security of pupils is the key to this. There are a numbers of factors that must always be taken into consideration when supervising children, the age and maturity of the child, the number of children, any special needs/disabilities, type of activity the children are engaged in and the location of the activity.

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Statutory Framework from the EYFS, September 2014

This policy works in conjunction with Missing Child and Uncollected Child Policies and procedures.

This policy and its procedures is supported by and works in conjunction with a range of policies and School procedures, such as Safeguarding, Missing Pupil, Wrap-Around Care, Behaviour, Duty Rotas, Educational Visits, Uncollected Child, provision for before and after school care, and our Risk Assessments. This document also takes into consideration and is evidence of compliance with the National Minimum Standards for Boarding (2015), Standard 15: Staffing and Supervision.

Senior School Procedures

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Boarders are in the care of the Boarding staff until they go to registration and from 4.15pm unless they are participating in an agreed activity. Sixth form boarders are allowed to return to their Houses after lunch if they have private study; a member of the boarding staff is always present and available in the House during this period.

Day pupils should arrive in School in time for registration at 8.30am. They may go to their Year Areas – with the permission of their Head of Year - or their Tutor room when they arrive. Heads of Year or their Assistants/Deputies supervise these areas.

All pupils should be aware of the procedure to follow if their teacher does not turn up for CPs or for a lesson. A member of the class should inform the nearest teacher and another pupil should go to Reception to let the Receptionist or School Secretary know. Tutors should discuss this with their form and nominate individuals who might take on this responsibility. The Deputy Head (Co-curricular) will have issued the cover sheet by e-mail before 8.20am and usually by 8.00am. The Receptionist will contact the Deputy Head (Co-curricular) or in her absence the Principal Deputy Head so that an available teacher can be sent to the classroom. Whilst waiting, pupils should work or read in silence and stay seated, leaving the classroom door open. Teachers and pupils should make every effort to be punctual to lessons, duties and activities so that supervision is maintained.

Sixth Form day pupils in study periods must work in the Pye Centre or the Library. If required to be in supervised Private Study periods they must go to the designated room. Missing this is a serious matter and there will be a sanction. There will always be at least one member of staff in the Pye Centre. If a Sixth Form pupil is studying in another part of the School, such as the Art department, they must have permission and let a member of the Sixth Form Team know in advance.

Only Prefects are allowed off-site during the school day and they must sign in and out. By specific arrangement with the Director of Sixth Form, Sixth Form pupils may occasionally use free time during lunch or during an afternoon without scheduled lessons to take driving lessons.

**After school provision**

The school day ends at 4pm, after which pupils can choose from the following:

- Go home
- Attend one of the many clubs and activities happening in a range of locations after school
- Turn out for their chosen sport
- Go to the Late Room to complete homework before being collected or taking the Late Bus at 6.00pm
- Socialise with the boarders if personally invited to do so

If someone is unexpectedly stuck at school they can report to reception who will contact the Boarding Housemasters or Housemistresses and arrange for the pupil to go there whilst they wait.

**Wednesday CCF Night**

On CCF night, pupils who stay at school should sign up for activities, go to the Late Room (Library) or socialise with boarders, and then go to supper (booked through Wisepay). If they choose to leave the school site it must be with their parents’ permission (4th Year and above, as per the Deputy Head Co-curricular's arrangements). In such cases, the School cannot take responsibility for the welfare of pupils who are outside of the school grounds.
Pupils should not change in classrooms but instead use the sports centre dry side changing rooms or other changing rooms around school.

**DUTIES**

The Duty list is posted in the Staff Room at the beginning of each term. Each day is allocated to a House. All members of the House are on duty that day and assigned specific tasks by the Head of House. Of course, outside this day, staff remain on duty and should check any disorderly conduct both inside and outside the School and do all that they can to assist the smooth running of the School and the happiness and wellbeing of its pupils. Duty staff are expected to act, to be seen, to be vigilant and to work with the Prefects. Anything untoward should be reported to a Head of Year or a member of SMT.

It is incumbent on us all to ensure that the system functions efficiently and smoothly by:

- arriving on time for our duties
- taking care to note that the pupils are behaving in a sensible manner
- checking that pupils are not in areas that are out of bounds
- completing the duty at the stated time and encouraging the pupils to go to their next appointment

**Specific responsibilities of teachers on duty**

1. **Concourse and Sixth Form Area**
   - This needs to be patrolled at first break and at lunch times.
   - The Sixth Form area needs to be checked so that pupils are all behaving in a sensible fashion.
   - Encourage the pupils to move on to their next lesson as break comes to an end.

2. **Eothen and Humanities Building**
   
   These areas need constant supervision as they house Tutor rooms and lockers. It has to be covered at both breaks.
   
   - From half term of Autumn until the end of the Spring Term, form rooms can be used by their members, who may invite pupils from other forms, but broadly pupils are encouraged to stick to their own form rooms and to take responsibility for them. If this privilege is abused, Heads of Year reserve the right to lock them out for a specified period.
   - These are key areas to patrol and staff may have the help of senior pupils to supervise the areas properly.

3) **Science Laboratories**

   No pupil should be anywhere in the laboratories during break or lunch time unless they are visiting a member of staff or taking part in a supervised activity.

4) **Eothen Courtyard and fields**
The Eothen Courtyard will be supervised throughout lunch breaks by the Playground Supervisor. This area of supervision will depend on the time of year. In fine weather a lot of pupils will play on the Beeches Field, but in the winter months the courtyard is used a lot more.

- Pupils should not be on the Home Field or Beeches Field unless supervised by a member of staff.
- Ball games are not allowed on the courtyard during the day.
- Pupils using the Astroturf must wear training shoes.

6) Lunch queue and Refectory

This needs two members of staff and it is very important that it is carried out in as punctilious a manner as is possible.

- With the help of L6 duty pupils, the queue needs to be orderly and sensible.
- Fill up both sides of the queue with alternate year groups.
- The front of the queue should not go beyond the pillar by the staff partition.
- Do not allow pupils to return to the servery after collecting their lunch so that the one way system is maintained.
- The queue in the foyer should be restricted to one line only.
- The member of staff on top lane duty should not let year groups waiting for lunch go into the foyer until it has cleared. Pupils should be kept off the pavement to leave enough room for staff and others to go down the steps and into the foyer.
- Pupils with priority cards may enter lunch first.
- No card, no entry unless escorted by a member of staff.
- The pupils then enter in the order prescribed for that day.
- Other pupils should be sent away until it is their turn.
- In the Refectory the teacher must patrol to ensure good behaviour.
  - Check that no food is on the floor or under the table.
  - Ensure the pupils take all their plates, cutlery, glasses and trays when they leave.
  - It is not possible for a member of staff to both be on duty in the Refectory and to be eating their lunch.

7) Teacher on Duty and Friday Detention Duty

This role will only have to be carried out once a term on average and is not as onerous as it initially seems. He/she should be in school from 8:00am to 6:00pm. He / She should patrol before school commences. The main time though for the duty to run is between the end of school and 6pm, when the boarding staff take up their duty. However it is a point of focus for office staff, other teachers etc. when someone has to be identified in cases of emergency.

The TOD should take the supervised Late Room from 4:15pm until 5:45pm in the Library. A register of those attending should be taken in the book provided and returned to the Staff Room.

If there is anything to report at the end of the day the Principal Deputy Head should be emailed.

Any pupils remaining in School after 4.15pm must either be involved in a supervised activity or working in the Late Room.
Friday Detention takes place each week in G6 from 4.15pm – 5.30pm, and is supervised by members of SMT, Heads of Year and Assistant Heads of year in rotation. There is always a member of SLT on duty in support if needed.

8) Saturday Duties

Staff not involved in boarding or regular co-curricular activities on a Saturday can expect to undertake one Saturday duty each term. A rota is published at the start of each term. It normally involves being in school to assist Andrew Patterson in the smooth running of hosting fixtures and managing the site during the morning and afternoon, either at School or at the Hill Fields Pavilion. A brief overview of the job description is sent to all staff each year. All staff on a Saturday duty should liaise with Andrew Patterson in the week preceding their duty.
Caterham Preparatory School
Procedures

Duties and Staff Ratios

Duty schedules are compiled by the Deputy Head and the Head of Pre-Preparatory, in accordance with current adult:child ratios advised by national education authorities for specific age groups.

These schedules are updated each term at least, are clearly displayed in staff work areas and are circulated freely amongst all staff members. Each member of staff is individually responsible for ascertaining what and where their duties are at any given time of the school year.

It is incumbent on all members of staff to ensure that the system functions efficiently and smoothly by:

- arriving on time for duties
- taking care to note that the pupils are behaving in a sensible manner
- checking that pupils are not in areas that are out of bounds.
- completing the duty at the stated time and encouraging the pupils to go to their next appointment timeously and in good order

The specifics of all duties, together with how to respond to any perceived risk, accident or any other kind of emergency, are made clear together with these schedules and in the Caterham Preparatory School Staff Handbook.

Staffing ratios are organized in such a way as to reflect current good practice, depending on the activity, whether it is an educational visit off site, meal or break times or after school care. Safety is paramount and the School mobile phone should be taken when in remote locations.

Staffing ratios for children in the EYFS setting are as follows:

- In Nursery (3+), the minimum ratio is 1:13 where at least one member of staff holds QTS and at least one other member of staff holds a full and relevant level 3 qualification.

- In Reception, there is a minimum ratio of 1:30 where the teacher holds QTS and at least one other member of staff who holds a full and relevant level 3 qualification.

Key Points

Mornings

The Preparatory School opens at 8.00am for pupils attending a club. Any pupil who is not attending a club will be supervised until 8.15am when the school official opens. The signal that the Preparatory School is open each morning is made when the morning duty staff member takes up their station on the front steps at 8.15am. The only pupils allowed on the Preparatory School site prior to this are those pupils with specific permission from a member of staff to do so in order to attend early morning activities. Staff members whose children attend the Preparatory School may also have their children with them prior to the school opening. Staff children are the responsibility of their parents until the school opens.
The Pre-Preparatory School opens at 8.15 each morning. Parents are permitted to accompany their children to the covered area on Mottrams playground prior to this time. The signal that the Pre-Preparatory School is open each morning is made when class teachers go to the covered area at 8.20 promptly to walk their pupils up to the classrooms in good order. The only pupils allowed on the Pre-Preparatory site prior to this are those pupils with specific permission from a member of staff to do so in order to attend early morning activities. Staff members whose children attend the Pre-Preparatory School may also have their children with them prior to the school opening. Staff children are the responsibility of their parents until the school opens.

During the Day

Members of staff on duty at break times throughout the school day should ensure that they position themselves or patrol in order to maintain clear visual and auditory contact with the pupils in their care. Where more than one person is on duty, members of staff should spread their presence as far as possible and avoid standing together for prolonged periods of time.

After School and Out Of School Hours Activities

Members of staff who hold ‘after school’ or ‘out of school hours’ clubs or activities of any description are responsible for dismissing those pupils into the care of the person who collects them from school or for seeing them safely off the premises if the pupil walks or cycles home.

For Breakfast and After School Care please refer to the Wraparound Care Policy.

Pupils who are not collected on time after school

Preparatory School

If a pupil is not collected within a reasonable timeframe following a club or activity, the responsible member of staff should report this to a member of the SMT who will make contact with the parent or guardian. They will keep the child at the School Reception pending collection.

Pre-Preparatory School

If a pupil is not collected within a reasonable timeframe following the normal end of the school day or a club or activity, the responsible member of staff should report this to the Head of Pre-Preparatory who will make contact with the parent or guardian. Should such an incident become prolonged, the Head of Pre-Preparatory will refer the incident directly to the Preparatory Headmaster.

For After-School Care arrangements in this regard – refer to Wraparound Care Policy.

Arrangements for EYFS children during the day

Nursery Class

Staffing Qualifications:

Lauren du Plooy (teacher) QTS
Sally Jackson NVQ L3: Nursery assistant F/T

Kirsty Burke: NVQ L3 Nursery Assistant F/T

Mornings 20 children with 3 staff members.

Lunchtime: Jennie Burdett (QTS) and one Nursery Assistant (see above)

Afternoons numbers vary up to 16 Lauren Du Plooy and Kirsty Burke

In case of sickness of teacher Emma Champion (Acting Head of Pre Prep) or a fully qualified supply teacher is present. If TA is sick then Kim Haughey (L3) brought in.

Reception Classes

Staffing qualifications:

RR: Kim Connelly (Teacher) QTS
Beverley Pudney (TA) L3

RC: Katie Cox (Teacher) BA Hons PGCE
Lesley Clarke (TA) L3

Teachers and TAs in all day with children. Free flow in afternoon both classes together with Max 20 children outside with 1 teacher and 1 TA. Inside 10 children Maximum in class with 1 TA and maximum 10 in other class with 1 Teacher. (Classrooms on same floor, opposite each other)

Playtime in Reception: Rota of teacher/TA’s with 40 children rotating different play areas.

In case of Reception Teacher sickness, Kathy Browett or supply teacher l6 will take the class. If TA sick then Kim Haughey covers or Kirsty Burke (afternoons)

End of day:
Children with older siblings can stay to sibling class till 3.45pm. This is for children from Nursery till year 1. Staffed by either 2 TAs (L3) or 1TA and 1 teacher.

Pupils who are regularly collected later than the advertised time

Should members of staff become aware that a pupil is collected beyond advertised time regularly; they should report this fact to a member of the SMT. The Head of the Preparatory School will contact such parents to clarify picking up arrangements and the associated timings. Please also see Uncollected Child Policy.

Pupils who walk or cycle to or from school

Pupils who walk or cycle regularly to school do so under the supervision and/or authority of their parents.

In order for the school to keep up to date with which pupils have parental permission/instruction to travel to and from school in this way, Form Tutors are requested to regularly check with their pupils on
these arrangements and to forward any changes or new arrangements to the Head of the Preparatory School. Parents are regularly requested to keep the school informed of any such arrangements.

Every morning registration included an after school sheet where form tutors keep a log of pupils’ movements at the end of each day. This includes if a child is walking to another part of the school site to be collected, or indeed if they are walking home.

The Head of the Preparatory School maintains a document, in which all such details are recorded. It should be borne in mind that the accuracy of this document relies entirely in the relevant information being received from the home. As such this is not an accurate or definitive document but is designed to assist those members of staff who may need to know how a child is expected to get home on a given day.

‘Out of Bounds’

The following areas are to be considered ‘Out of Bounds’ for all school activities. The list is not exhaustive and members of staff should use discretion at all times in allowing pupils access to any part of the school.

- Any classroom with special awareness for science labs and ICT suites, unless a teacher is present in the room. During wet-breaks classrooms must be regularly patrolled and visited.
  - Boiler rooms.
  - Wheelie Bin storage areas
  - Grassy banks
  - Woodland above the Preparatory School
  - Any part of our neighbours’ property excepting the access path across their land.
  - Any internal driveways, public or private road, parking areas.
  - Any Kitchens
  - Any Staff Rooms (Including staff pupils before and after school)
  - Any huts, sheds, rooms, workshops or stores used by grounds, caretaking or maintenance staff
  - Any staff housing or accommodation. (Unless specific permission is agreed by Head of Preparatory)