

Our Golden Rules for Happy Hothfield Playtimes



We want everyone at Hothfield to have happy and safe playtimes that enable children to relax, develop their social skills and support their learning on their return to lessons. We want children to build their independence and their ability to manage their own games and sort out problems for themselves.

These rules were established through discussions with Hothfield children and staff.

Golden Rule 1: We keep safe and help everyone else to be safe; we don't hurt others.

Golden Rule 2: We are kind and helpful; we don't hurt anyone's feelings.

Golden Rule 3: We play well with others; we don't spoil others' games.

Golden Rule 4: We care for the playground and the equipment; we don't damage or spoil anything.

Golden Rule 5: We listen to the adults on duty whose job it is to keep us happy and safe and respect their decisions.

Golden Rule 6: We speak to each other and to adults with respect.

Golden Rule 7: We try and sort out problems ourselves first before we seek the help of the adults on duty.

Golden Rule 8: We are calm in the pavilions and around the picnic tables.

Golden Rule 9: We don't play football in our playgrounds as there is not enough space.

Golden Rule 10: We need an adult's permission to re-enter the school building during playtimes.

Golden Rule 11: The whistle always means STOP AND STAND STILL.

Golden Rule 12: The final whistle means that playtime has finished and learning time has begun. We enter the building and make our way to class calmly and ready to learn.

The Trim Trails:

- We follow a rota on the Trim Trails so that we are not all on at once.
- There is a rota for lunchtimes. At playtimes, the children in the class of the teacher on duty can use the Trim Trail. Other children can use the Trim Trail only with the duty teacher's permission.
- The Trim Trail works best when people move along – we listen if the duty teacher asks us to do this.
- We do not use the Trim Trails when they are wet and slippery.
- Y3/4 Trim Trail: Our feet should not be above our waist on the ropes.
- Y5/6 Trim Trail: We do not lie on the spinning log and spin round.

Equipment:

- Equipment Monitors fetch the equipment boxes and bags – nobody else fetches equipment without the duty teacher's permission.
- So equipment can be shared, only the Year Group whose teacher is on duty can use the equipment.
- Children line up at the Equipment Box to choose equipment. Equipment can only be given out when the teacher on duty has given permission.
- Equipment is not used in the Pavilions or the fenced area of the Y5/6 playground.
- The duty adult will blow the whistle one minute before the end of playtime and call for all equipment to be put away.

- Equipment should be put away carefully – Taken to the boxes and bags and not thrown.