



## **Outdoor and Playground Policy**

NDSOPA takes the safety and welfare of all our students with upmost priority.

Particular care and extra measures are taking during breaks and lunchtimes, when students will be playing outside.

Our premises has 3 outdoor areas suitable for breaks and lunchtime

(Looking directly at the building)

- 1) Grass Verge to the right-hand side of the building
- 2) Wrap around patio going across the front of the building
- 3) Patio to the left hand side of the building

We have full ownership of the unit next to the left-hand side patio area, so this is an unshared space. This area is not an area for cars and will have sole use as a patio playground. Cars will not be allowed in this area under any circumstances.

Students are not allowed around the back of the building on the grass area. This will be made very clear at the start of term and will be alliterate during assemblies and throughout the year.

Students will be supervised at all times by a minimum of 2 members of staff, so that if one needs to tend to a child/an emergency at least one member of staff will always be present. There will always be a member of staff present in the building if a child needs to return inside to use the bathroom.

At each lunch or break time only one of the 3 above stated areas will be the designated play area, so that all children stay in that one area and the staff can stay there. This will be alliterated to the children before the break starts.

A main barrier with a code is also at the entrance of the site for extra security.

All playground and outdoor actives will follow our safeguarding and child protection policy.

Risks of these designated break and lunch areas have been outlined in our risk assessment.

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