



Ruskin Park Primary School

YARD DUTY AND SUPERVISION POLICY

PURPOSE

To ensure school staff understand their supervision and yard duty responsibilities.

SCOPE

The Principal is responsible for ensuring that there is a well-organised and responsive system of supervision in place during school hours, before and after school, and on school excursions and camps.

This policy applies to all teaching and non-teaching staff at Ruskin Park Primary, including education support staff, casual relief teachers and visiting teachers.

School staff are responsible for following reasonable and lawful instructions from the Principal, including instructions to provide supervision to students at specific dates, time and places.

POLICY

Before and After School

Ruskin Park Primary's grounds are supervised by school staff from 8:45 am until 3:45 pm. Outside of these hours, school staff will not be available to supervise students.

There are three areas for yard duty within the school as mapped below:

Area A- 8:45-9:00, 11:00-11:30, 1:40-2:30, 3:30- 3:45

Area B- 8:45-9:00, 11:00-11:30, 1:40-2:30, 3:30- 3:45

Area C- 11:15-11:30, 2:05- 2:30

Parents and carers should not allow their children to attend Ruskin Park Primary outside of these hours. Families are encouraged to contact the school on 9723 3886 or refer to www.ruskinparkps.vic.edu.au for more information about the before and after school care facilities available to our school community.

If a student arrives at school before supervision commences at the beginning of the day, the Principal or nominee staff member will, as soon as practicable, follow up with the parent/carer to:

- advise of the supervision arrangements before school
- request that the parent/ carer make alternate arrangements

If a student is not collected before supervision finishes at the end of the day, the Principal or nominee staff member will consider whether it is appropriate to:

- attempt to contact the parents/carers
- attempt to contact the emergency contacts
- place the student in an out of school hours care program (if available)
- contact Victoria Police and/or the Department of Health and Human Services (Child Protection) to arrange for the supervision, care and protection of the student.

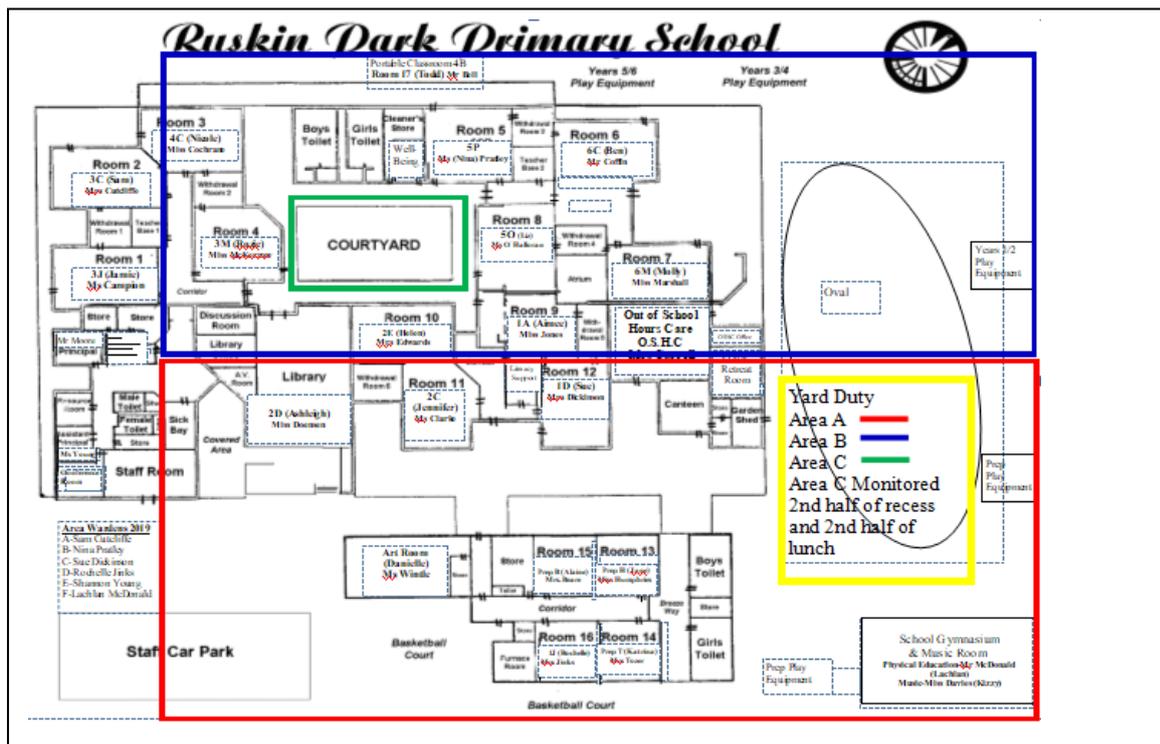
School staff who are rostered on for before or after school supervision must follow the processes outlined below.

Yard Duty

All staff at Ruskin Park Primary are expected to assist with yard duty supervision and will be included in the weekly roster.

The Principal or Assistant Principal is responsible for preparing and communicating the yard duty roster on a regular basis. At Ruskin Park Primary, school staff will be designated a specific yard duty area to supervise.

The designated yard duty areas for our school (as at Term 2, 2019) are outlined as per the map below.



School staff have their own safety/ hi-vis vest that they must wear whilst on yard duty. CRT's will use the classroom teacher's vest.

Staff who are rostered for yard duty must remain in the designated area until they are replaced by a relieving teacher.

During yard duty, supervising staff must:

- methodically move around their designated zone ensuring that they move through all parts of their area
- be alert and vigilant
- intervene immediately if potentially dangerous or inappropriate behaviour is observed in the yard
- enforce behavioural standards and implement appropriate consequences for breaches of school rules
- ensure that necessary playground incident reports are fully filled in and brought to the Assistant Principal's office at the end of the play period the problem occurred
- ensure that students who require first aid assistance receive it as soon as practicable
- if being relieved of their yard duty shift by another staff member (for example, where the shift is 'split' into 2 consecutive time periods), ensure that a brief but adequate verbal 'handover' is given to the next staff member in relation to any issues which may have arisen during the first shift.

If the supervising staff member is unable to conduct yard duty at the designated time, they should contact the Assistant Principal with as much notice as possible prior to the relevant yard duty shift to ensure that alternative arrangements are made.

If the supervising staff member needs to leave yard duty during the allocated time, they should contact the Assistant Principal but should not leave the designated area until the relieving staff member has arrived in the designated area.

If a relieving or next staff member does not arrive for yard duty, the staff member currently on duty should send a message to the office and not leave the designated area until a replacement staff member has arrived.

Should students require assistance during recess or lunchtime, they are encouraged to speak to the supervising yard duty staff member.

Wet Day/Hot Day Timetable

On days where a wet or hot day timetable occurs, staff will have a 15 minute recess break and duty if inside at recess and a 25 minute lunch and duty if inside at lunch. If a staff member is on yard duty for the 2nd half, they should organise with their buddy to have their break during the 1st half. The same scenario should occur in the reverse scenario. Specialist teachers should liaise with the learning leader of the area they are allocated to, to find out where their duty will be.

Classroom

The classroom teacher is responsible for the supervision of all students in their care during class.

If a teacher needs to leave the classroom unattended at any time during a lesson, they should first ask the person next door to them. Should there be no one close to assist, the teacher should call the Principal/Assistant Principal. The teacher should then wait until another staff member has arrived at the classroom to supervise the class prior to leaving.

School Activities, Camps and Excursions

The Principal, leadership team and event organisers are responsible for ensuring that students are appropriately supervised during all school activities, camps and excursions, including when external providers are engaged to conduct part or all of the activities. Appropriate supervision will be planned

for special school activities, camps and excursions on an individual basis, depending on the activities to be undertaken and the level of potential risk involved.

REVIEW CYCLE

This Policy was ratified by School Council in June 2019. This policy will be updated if significant changes are made to school grounds that require a revision of Ruskin Park Primary's Yard Duty and Supervision Policy.