

Playground Rules: Rewards and Sanctions

Each teacher on yard duty carries post-its and a pen. Records of breaking the playground rules are recorded on these post-its. The post-its are handed to the relevant class teacher at the end of each break. Each class teacher keeps a record of the number of post-its and the reason for receipt of each post-it for her own class.

Second-Sixth Class:

Sanctions

Stage 1; One Post-It; the pupil must stand in the Yellow Box for 10 minutes

Stage 2; Three Post-Its; the pupil's name is sent to the principal who writes out a Notice of Breaking Playground Rules sheet for the parents of that pupil. This notice must be signed by the parents and returned to the school on the next school day. A list of our Playground Rules is enclosed with the notice. Parents are requested to revise these rules with their child. The returned slip is stored in the filing cabinet in the principal's office.

Stage 3; Six Post-Its; the pupil's name is sent to the principal who writes out a Notice of Detention sheet for the parents of that pupil. This notice must be signed by the parents and returned to the school on the next school day. A list of our Playground Rules is enclosed with the notice. Parents are requested to revise these rules with their child. The returned slip is stored in the filing cabinet in the principal's office.

Detention takes place in the resource room during big break and is supervised by a member of the teaching staff. (Ms Murray usually supervises detention.) Pupils doing detention are asked to fill out a reflection sheet. They are given work appropriate to their age and ability to complete during detention. They work in silence.

Stage 4; Nine Post-Its; the pupil's name is sent to the principal who writes out a Notice of Weekend Homework for the parents of that pupil. This notice must be signed by the parents and returned to the school on the next school day. A list of our Playground Rules is enclosed with the notice. Parents are requested to revise these rules with their child. The returned slip is stored in the filing cabinet in the principal's office. Parents will receive a text telling them that their child has homework for the weekend.

Stage 5; Twelve Post-Its; the pupil's name is sent to the principal who organises a meeting with the parents of that pupil. The class teacher and the principal attend the meeting. Minutes are taken at the meeting. These are stored in the filing cabinet in the principal's office.

Rewards:

Any pupil who receives no post-its will get one night off homework (usually on the Thursday before mid-term) each half term

Each pupil starts with a clean slate following the mid-term break/holidays

Staff will organise an individual plan around playground rules for any pupil they feel may need it.

Junior Infants-First Class:

Sanctions:

Stage 1: One Post-It; The pupil must stand in the Yellow Box for five minutes

Stage 2: Six Post-Its; The pupil's name is sent to the principal who writes out a Notice of Breaking Playground Rules sheet for the parents of that pupil. This notice must be signed by the parents and returned to the school on the next school day. A list of our Playground Rules is enclosed with the notice. Parents are requested to revise these rules with their child. The returned slip is stored in the filing cabinet in the principal's office.

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Stage 5; Twenty-Four Post-Its: the pupil's name is sent to the principal who organises a meeting with the parents of that pupil. The class teacher and the principal attend the meeting. Minutes are taken at the meeting. These are stored in the filing cabinet in the principal's office.

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