



4 - 18 yrs Co-educational Independent Day School

Supervision of Pupils Policy including EYFS

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Supervision of Pupils

Teachers at Arnold Lodge School have a duty of care to all pupils in the school. It is the responsibility of the Head to ensure that high standards of behaviour and discipline are maintained throughout the time that pupils are present on the School site, as well as during activities on or off campus. It is also the responsibility of the Head to ensure that there is effective supervision of the school buildings and that the site is secure.

Duty of care is a legal requirement. The Headteacher is required to ensure, as far as is practicable, adequate supervision of pupils throughout the school day to ensure their health, safety and welfare. They are also required to ensure, as far as is practicable, that the school is a safe place to work for employees and for others who enter the site.

Supervision during the School Day

Before School <i>8:00am – 8:30am</i>	The main school gates open at 8:00am. Prior to this time, no pupils (unless supervised by a member of staff directly) should be on site. At 8:00am, there is a member of staff on duty at the middle gate with an additional member of teaching staff on the playground. While on duty, staff are required to have a whistle.
Before School <i>Poor Weather</i>	If the weather means that it would be unsuitable for pupils to be outside, the following arrangements are in place: Reception – Year 6: supervised by a member of staff in their classrooms. Y7 & 8 – Main hall supervised by HOKS3 Y9 – Art Room supervised by AHOKS3 Y10 & 11 – A6 and A8 supervised by HOKS4 and SENCo Y12 & 13 – Sixth Form Study Hub supervised by HOKS5
Registration	Mentors (Seniors) and class teachers (Juniors) are responsible for pupils during morning registration time at the start of the school day. EYFS key adult will register EYFS. Senior School pupils will also register at the start of period 5 in the afternoon each day.
Lesson Time	Teachers are responsible for the supervision of their class. For VI Form pupils (and, where applicable, GCSE pupils), study time is allocated where pupils are able to study independently. Ideally, classes should not be left unsupervised. In an emergency, a teacher might: ○ Summon a teacher from an adjacent classroom to supervise both classes ○ Call School Reception to request support (01926 778050) ○ Send a pupil with an accompanying pupil to Reception EYFS children will not be left unsupervised. Ratios will be maintained throughout the whole school day.
Break / Lunch Time	All pupils on the playground(s) are supervised by members of staff during lunch times. The two members of staff on duty will ensure the safety of all pupils on the playground. For the Seniors, a further member of staff will conduct a 'roming' duty, ensuring that pupils are not in out of bounds areas at these times. Members of staff on duty in the lunch hall supervise the pupils eating lunch. EYFS will have lunch with their key adult.

Break / Lunch Time <i>Poor Weather</i>	If the weather means that it would be unsuitable for pupils to be outside, pupils in the Juniors go to their classrooms, where they will be supervised by their class teacher. Pupils in the Seniors will go to their Mentor Rooms during the break/lunchtime and will be supervised by their mentor. The members of staff who would be on duty (both on main playground and junior playground) will supervise pupils in a 'walk about' manner.
Break / Lunch Time <i>Music Practice Rooms</i>	Pupils are not given access to music practice rooms during break and lunch times unless arranged with, and supervised by, the Music department staff.
VI Form Pupils & GCSE Pupils	VI Form pupils have a number of study periods where they are able to study independently without supervision. During this time, VI Form pupils are expected to do so in the Sixth Form Study Hub and conduct themselves appropriately, continuing to follow school rules. Similarly, on occasion, pupils studying towards their GCSEs may be given permission to conduct independent study away from their teacher (such as needing to conduct internet research out of the classroom). Much like VI Form pupils, pupils are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and will be supervised as deemed to be appropriate by the member of staff in charge of the class.
EYFS pupils	If the person collecting the child is not recognised by the member of staff at the gate, then a check should be made with the school office as to the arrangements for that child's collection. If no message has been received, then the parents will be contacted before the child is released. Swimming Additional staff are placed on a rota for swimming to aid with changing and supervision in the pool. There are ample staff in the pool during the swimming sessions and a qualified swimming coach and trained lifeguard are in attendance at all times.
Sports Activities	All teachers taking sporting activities (including external sport coaches) will be aware of the relevant risk assessments for such activities and will ensure the safety of pupils in relation to their activity. Teachers will consider: - Barring access to equipment without direct teacher supervision - The safety of any apparatus being used - The suitability of pupils' clothing for the activity (including jewellery, watches and wearing appropriate protective equipment) -
Extra-Curricular Activities	Members of staff (including volunteers and contractors) with responsibility for extra-curricular activities must be aware of the school policies on Child Protection, Health and Safety and Fire Policy. All staff should exercise adequate care and ensure that appropriate supervision is in evidence at all times during the activity. Pupils in the Junior School (Year 6 and below) need to be signed into and out of their clubs when a parents picks them up from school.
Pupils who are 'off' Games	Pupils who are unable to take part in Games will be either: - Supervised by the member of staff running the activity - With another member of staff and supervised at all times. -

Aftercare	Members of staff running aftercare facilities are responsible for the supervision of pupils.
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Pupil Absence

If a pupil is unable to attend school because of illness, his/her parents/guardians are asked to contact the school reception on 01926 778050 before 8:40am on the day to report the illness and to give the likely duration of the absence. As part of the School's requirement to protect the pupils in its care, all visitors to the school are expected to sign in and out at School Reception, where they will receive a badge which they are expected to wear for the duration of their visit.

All staff should be prepared to challenge strangers on the premises, and to report concerns to School Reception.

Classrooms

Pupils should not be left unsupervised in classrooms outside lesson times, apart from during 'poor weather' arrangements where staff will supervise pupils.

Supervision of Pupils on Trips

For guidance of supervision of Pupils on Trips, please see the Trips and Visits Policy.

Cover Arrangements and Supervision of Pupils

If a member of staff is sick, they should report the illness as soon as possible (and before 8:00am) to allow for adequate cover to be arranged.

EYFS/Junior School collection

No children will ever be released into the care of an adult who is not recognised by staff and authorised by a parent. Parents must inform staff in writing (e-mail) or in person if there is to be a change to collection routines and photos provided for identification purposes. If in any doubt, staff must not release the child and should call the parent and inform the Head of Pre-Prep.