

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Trim trail

Dear Parents/Carers of Ecclesall Primary school children,

As you may be aware, two Y1 children broke their arms on the new monkey bars on our trim trail last week in Ecclesall Kids after school club. Two members of Kids club staff were supervising when these accidents occurred.

We have contacted the Trim trail company who installed the equipment and a member of Health and Safety from the Local Authority has also met with Mr Jahangir (Business Manager) and myself, Emma Hardy (Head Teacher) this Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. They have assured us that the equipment meets the correct specification (EN1176) as does the safety surface below (EN 1177) and our documentation from the installers confirms this.

As a Senior Management team, we have decided that KS2 children (Y3-Y6 children) will be allowed to use all equipment including the monkey bars. Y2 children will be able to use all equipment **except** the monkey bars at break and lunchtime. Y1 and EYFS children will be on the smaller playground and so will not access the trim trail. However, a lower level trim trail is being installed (without monkey bars) in their grass area soon.

We would like to remind you that the trim trail is provided solely for the use of Ecclesall Primary School children during the school hours of 8.50am-3.20pm when school staff are supervising on the schoolyard. The use of this equipment out of school hours, or by children who are not pupils of EPS is the sole responsibility of the parent / carer as EPS cannot provide supervision at such times.

For your information, all climbing equipment in our school grounds has the following:

- Daily inspection checks & findings recorded.
- All equipment is included in the annual independent inspection by the 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspector & the interim inspections by SCC playgrounds team.
- All climbing equipment has its own risk assessment, which is regularly reviewed and discussed with staff and governors.
- All users / supervisors report any concerns / defects / conditions that may increase the risk to users.
- Weather check: equipment not to be used if wet, icy, frosty or if other conditions will have a bearing on safe use.

We really appreciate your understanding with this.

Kind Regards

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