

Thursday 16th September 2021

Important information regarding the trim trails at Ecclesall Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers of Ecclesall Primary school children,

During past Covid times, we had a weekly rota for year groups to use the trim trails from Monday-Thursday with a break on Friday and over the weekend, ready for the next year group to use it. Since September 2021, we now allow each year group to go in turn on the trim trail when they are on playground zone 1 at breaks and lunchtime so there are many opportunities for the children to use it during the school day.

KS2 children (Y3-Y6 children) are allowed to use all equipment including the monkey bars on the trim trail on the large playground.

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This decision was made two years ago with the Health and Safety team and our Governing body after a few injuries on the monkey bars.

Y1 and EYFS children will use the trim trail on the smaller playground during school hours in this area.

There are no monkey bars for the younger children.

We would like to remind you that both trim trails are provided **solely for the use of Ecclesall Primary School (EPS) children during the school hours of 9am-3pm** when school staff are supervising on the school yard. 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. The adult will need to stand at the trim trail supervising their child. The same rules as above apply before and after school. Thanks very much.

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 3rd 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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