

Little Dolphins Preschool Outdoor Playground Policy

Re: Unfenced Play Area As Per Regulation 30.1 In The BC Child Care Act/Licensing

The Little Dolphins Preschool has applied to the South Fraser Regional Health Authority for a local decision to be made regarding the use of an unfenced play area (as per Regulation 30.1 in the BC Child Care Licensing Act). There is a space of about three feet of unfenced area on the northwest side of the Delta Christian School building next to the gym. This space is there to meet fire code regulations to facilitate the exiting of elementary-aged children from that side of the building.

When the children & teachers of Little Dolphins Preschool use the outdoor playground area of Delta Christian School, the following safety/supervisory protocols will be used:

1. The gate at the east side of the building will be locked.
2. Brightly coloured cones will mark off the playground zone that the children may not pass (the northwest fence area). The role of the cones will be explained to the children.
3. One teacher will supervise the general play area and children by standing on the northwest side, while the other teacher will be available to interact more with individual children.
4. In the event of a child's need to go inside to the washroom, one teacher will take up to ten children with him or her inside, leaving one teacher outside with a maximum of ten children. This group will wait outside the washroom in the hallway with the teacher while the child attends to his or her needs. If there are only five minutes left in the outdoor playtime, the whole group with two teachers will go inside to the classroom, one teacher and at least two children to the washrooms (waiting outside the washroom door for the child).
5. A first aid kit and child emergency information cards will be carried by the teacher each time the group goes outside.
6. In the event of an emergency all children will be required to stop play immediately and stand/sit in a group to the side of the play equipment. One teacher will go to the school office, describe the emergency, and ask Delta Christian School support staff to call 911 and the parents of the child/children involved. Once this is done, she/he will return to the playground and take all of the children into the Little Dolphins Preschool classroom and another support/ staff person from Delta Christian School will come in to help out. Meanwhile, the other Little Dolphins teacher will stay with the emergency until medical/fire help arrives and takes over the situation. Such emergencies will then be documented appropriately.
7. The Little Dolphins Preschool outdoor playtime does not conflict with the Delta Christian School recess time. Both groups will use the playground at different times.

Parent Signature Required:

I have read and understand the outdoor playground fencing situation for my child while participating in Little Dolphins Preschool and agree with the safety and supervisory protocol outlined above.

Child's Name: _____

Signature of Parent: _____ Date: _____