



## **LTCS Playground Safety Protocol**

### **2017-2018**

LTCS fosters ethics of care that includes indoor and outdoor school environment. The motto, “Put things back the way you found them” and “Leave no trace” shall be modeled and practiced anytime the playground is used. LTCS staff cares about treating the outdoor and indoor environments equally, with respect, care and promise to continuously maintain it in healthy and safe conditions for the benefit of peaceful, safe and creative play.

Two teachers are present at all times. One teacher supervises the permanent area while the second teacher oversees the loose parts area. Teachers are advised to spread out and monitor all areas at all times!

### **Teachers have to be consistent in modeling, implementing and monitoring the LTCS Playground Safety Protocol.**

- LTCS playground is divided into two major areas. One is permanent, which means that all objects stay permanently attached and students are not allowed to move them. Students are required to use caution and treat all objects with care and gentleness.
- Second area comprises of loose parts that include building material, stumps and small objects. Students are encouraged to use all objects and asked to put them back into their proper spaces after they use them. For safety reasons, all objects stay within this area and are not allowed to travel to the permanent area.

- Students are not allowed to move rocks or any other objects into the sandy sport area.
- 5 minutes before dismissal, students pick up loose parts, toys and sport equipment and put them back in their designated spaces.
- Sport equipment needs to be put back into the brown all-weather wicker trunk before the end of recess.
- Students will not play tug of war game due to the safety concerns.
- Students may not hang upside down from the tree branches. Students may not jump out of trees.
- Students put away all loose parts on one pile in the loose parts playground area.
- Students keep the gate leading to the office building closed at all times.
- Pick up litter and micro-litter.
- Ropes are for jump roping only.
- Students are not allowed into the fenced garden area unless they are working with teachers on garden related projects.
- Students are not allowed into the peace garden unless they are with their teachers working on peace-related activities.
- No more than 8 people can be in the spinner at one time.
  - a. Students sit down and keep their bodies inside the spinner when it's moving.
- Before students line up, each student must put away the objects they used into their designated areas.