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Climbing Frames in School

With our lovely new climbing frames in place I wanted to take the opportunity to outline how this equipment should be used as we move towards warmer and drier weather. In order to use the equipment safely, we have undertaken risk assessments, sought advice from Northumberland County Council's Health & Safety Team, as well as organising regular inspections from qualified sports equipment safety consultants. We are delighted to have the climbing frames in place, they are a great addition to school.

In terms of how they will be used, pupils will be able to access them at break times and lunch times. We will not be using them when wet or icy but we will aim to use them as much as possible. Pupils will be reminded about how to use them safely and staff will always oversee the use of the equipment. Our younger age groups will not be using this equipment and we will be clear that pupils should not be using them in an unsafe way, i.e. climbing to the very top, too many children on at once etc.

We understand that pupils may want to use them at drop off and pick up times. We are happy that this happens, as long as children are fully supervised by an appropriate adult, and we would expect that the equipment is not used in wet or icy conditions, or by our younger age groups (Year 1 and below) following the school's example.

We thank you for your co-operation, we look forward to seeing the climbing frames being used and enjoyed by all our pupils.

Andy Hudson
Head Teacher