



EDGEBOROUGH SCHOOL

Pupil Access to Risky Areas Policy

(including EYFS and Boarding)

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Context

These guidelines are designed to inform members of the school community how pupils are kept safe around risky parts of the site.

Out of Bounds Rules

Outdoors

The following are out of bounds;

- Staff car parks, kitchen yard, swimming pool, PE sheds and storage, pavilions and cricket nets (except in the summer term), pond, clock tower, Pre-Prep and Nursery (for prep school children who are unaccompanied).
- No child may go to the south side of the main house without an appropriate adult, except to the stone garden.
- Children may not walk along the drive unless they are accompanied by an appropriate adult or have express permission to do so.
- The OWL (Outdoor Woodland Learning) area is only to be used by the Pre-prep children and only with a member of staff.
- At certain times of the year and at the discretion of the Senior Deputy Head, the woodlands area can be made available. This area is only accessible when a duty staff member is present. Pupils have to wait until the teacher escorts them to the area.
- Any building sites; these are for authorised personnel only.

Indoors

The following are out of bounds except with permission:

- Kitchens, staff common room, dormitories, staff flats, cottages and offices.
- No child may go to the classrooms or other teaching areas except for lessons, activities or wet play without appropriate permission.
- No child may go into the Music Suite unless they are practising an instrument or having a music lesson.
- Prefects are the only pupils allowed through the front door.
- The library, ICT suite, studio, Dunbar Hall, Science Lab, DT workshop and Punshon Hall have special rules in place for use.

- The changing rooms may not be accessed through the foyer to the Dunbar Hall.

Boarding Specific

The School makes every effort to ensure that all potentially dangerous areas are, wherever possible, made secure by fencing, locking or otherwise physically preventing access to them. Areas temporarily out of bounds are fenced or cordoned off and appropriate warning notices are placed to describe the danger.

During the school day boarders are out of the boarding house and integrated into the day school life. Therefore, unless they are ill, or for reasons known to boarding staff, they are out of the house during school hours. All boarding pupils must attend a register at 6.30pm or 7.30pm (depending on whether they do a planned evening activity) in the Common Room. They are then expected to be in the boarding house or designated area for boarding activities supervised by GAP Assistants or House Staff at 7.30pm until 8.15pm, boarding pupils then have free time in the house. They must use the sign in/sign out book if they leave the house for any reason.

Access is also given to the Music Practice Rooms for evening practice. Spot checks are carried out by duty staff. In the summer months pupils are allowed to use the swimming pool which is supervised by a lifeguard. Restricted access is granted to boarders to the cadet area where camp fires take place and must be supervised by GAP Assistants or House Staff and boarders are reminded of the risks involved.

Much of the School grounds away from the central buildings, such as the top field, are unlit and hence unauthorised access to these areas is prohibited during the hours of darkness.