



## Storth CE Primary School

# Out of Hours Grounds Use Policy

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The purpose of this policy is to define the fair and proper usage of Storth CE Primary School grounds outside of usual school hours. School hours are defined as between 7.45am and 5.15pm.

The school aims to ensure the safety of all people using school grounds and enable sufficient periods of quiet in consideration for neighbours bordering on the school boundary. This cannot be monitored when the school is closed. As such, use of the school grounds outside of usual school hours, and during school holidays, is **not permitted** by anyone, whether affiliated to the school or not.

The following are considered as the only exceptions to this policy:-

1. The Community Garden continues to be open for public access all year round to allow the community to benefit from the green space. Its use must remain within the spirit of the Community Garden and should be such that it will not cause a nuisance to neighbouring properties.
2. School events are a key part of the schooling calendar and shall not be limited. On the occasion of a school event occurring outside of normal hours, immediate neighbours of the school shall be informed at least one week in advance where possible.
3. Other supervised group events and activities may be permissible outside of normal hours with express permission from the Head Teacher. Immediate neighbours of the school shall be informed at least one week prior to the event where possible.
4. Feeding of school animals outside of usual hours will be performed by friends and parents of the school, typically on a rota. The school will ensure that those volunteering for this work are aware of the requirements to carry out the task in a timely manner, and with respect for the school neighbours.

Any complaints made with regards to out of hours use of the school grounds shall be addressed to the Chair of Governors, either directly or via the Clerk to the Governors (clerk@storth.cumbria.sch.uk).