OFF THE PLAYGROUND NOW (OPN)

The aim of the OPN room is to ensure student safety and to control and monitor behaviours that are severe or likely to cause injury.

Activities that put student safety at risk:

- Dangerous Play
- Throwing rocks, seed pods, mangoes, any item at other children
- Violence towards other students
- Bullying

Activities that show a lack of respect:

- Back chatting teachers
- Not following teacher’s instruction

Staff on Playground Duty send children to OPN. Staff complete a form during play-time recording the incident. The form is sent with the child to the OPN Room.

At the OPN Room, the teacher on duty enters the incident into school computer records. The teacher also talks through the incident with the child using the four questions:

1. What did you do?
2. What is the school rule? (Refer to School Respect Rules)
3. What would have been a better choice?
4. How do I make things right again?

It is important that OPN is not seen simply as a punitive measure but as an opportunity for teaching and learning about appropriate choices.