



USE of DVDs POLICY

Adopted by the Governing Body of Dunkirk Primary School:

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1. Purpose

It is the policy of the Dunkirk Primary School to assure that time spent by children in pursuit of an education is wisely and prudently used. The school recognizes that movies, videos, DVDs, and other audiovisual materials are important tools in the educational process. However, the use of such materials should be limited so that they are legally, appropriately, and effectively used in achieving legitimate educational objectives that supplement approved course curriculum. The school, therefore, allows the appropriate educational use of videos, movies, DVDs, and encourages parental participation, and fosters community values.

2. Guidelines: Educational Relevance

- The showing of videos, DVDs, movies, and other audiovisual materials must be limited to a specific educational purpose.
- General selection criteria should include the following:
 - a. Quality of the overall work;
 - b. Fair and accurate representation of the facts;
 - c. The reputation and significance of the writer, director, and/or performer; and
 - d. Critical acclaim of the work itself.
- Video, DVD, or movie clip used in the classroom shall not include inappropriate language, depictions of violence, or inappropriate behavior.
- Commercial movies (i.e., movies made for entertainment and shown in theaters) shown in their entirety shall be approved in identified circumstances. These types of movies should only be shown:
 1. Linked to curriculum priorities
 2. PRIDE reward time
 3. Pupils who are late collected
 4. As a wet play choice
- When AV materials are used in a classroom during instructional time, there should be a pre-activity and a learning focused post-activity.

Age Appropriateness

If commercial movies are shown in a classroom, the following rating guide will be followed: (Rating is determined by the industry accepted rating system of the British Film Board)

1. U-general classification



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2. PG-parental/carer consent must be obtained following discussion with leadership in relation to purpose and appropriateness.

Time Limitations

Teachers should be prudent with the use of audiovisual materials and should weigh the value of the AV material against the instructional time it consumes. A general guideline would be to limit the use of AV materials to a total time equivalent of one class period per teaching block unit.

Teacher Preview and Administrative Approval

6. All videos, DVDs, movies, or other audiovisual material must be previewed by the teacher before use in the classroom.

Copyright

7. Any use of videos, DVDs, movies, or other audiovisual materials must adhere to all copyright laws, as well as publisher licensing agreements.