



## Play Questionnaire for Parents

Dear Parent,

Our school recognises the value of playtime for our children. To acknowledge this we are embarking on a programme called OPAL 'Outdoor Play and Learning' and over the next 18 months will be looking to develop both our outdoor space and the play opportunities we offer. As part of the consultation process for this we will be listening to all those involved; children, teachers, parents and our Governing body. In order to help us, we would like to find out a little bit about your own play experiences as a child and listen to any ideas you may have for improving play at our school.

### **How important do you think playtime is for your child?**

Very important

Quite important

Not very important

### **1) Currently, how much does your child enjoy their school playtimes? (Feel free to ask them!)**

Playtime is good

Playtime is a bit boring

My child does not like playtime

They would like to do more things at playtime

Playtime is too short

Playtime is too long

### **2) Thinking about your own childhood, what type of things do you remember playing as a child both at school and in and around your home environment?**

### **3) Did you benefit as a child from your play experiences? Yes No**

If yes, please tell us how (for example what skills to did you gain or how did it help you develop as a child)



4) **Do you feel your own child has the same play opportunities to play outdoors as you did?** Yes No

If No, why not?

5) **If you could do something to address this, would you?** Yes No

6) **If school could improve the play opportunities they offer, what types of things would you like to see and why?**

**Feel free to add any other comments**

Thank you very much for completing this, we will keep you informed on a regular basis as we progress on our OPAL journey. You will also be invited to attend a play information assembly in a few months time where we will share the results of our questionnaires and hear about the changes we plan to make.

We are particularly keen for parents who can help us collect what we call 'Loose Parts' for children to play with. These can be any objects which are safe enough to play with such as wooden off-cuts, logs, pipes, tubes, cartons, pallets etc.

Would you be happy to help and what might you be able to provide?

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Thank you for your support 😊

