



Outdoor Play And Learning



OPAL is a UK and world leader in supporting schools improve the quality of children's play

Our delivery

- ✓ 43 Mentors provide advice and support across England
- ✓ Over 1000 UK schools and over a million children have benefited
- ✓ Projects in Canada, France, Spain, Poland, Malaysia and Singapore



World leading and award winning



2018 European
Winners
Active School
Programme Awards



Our aim

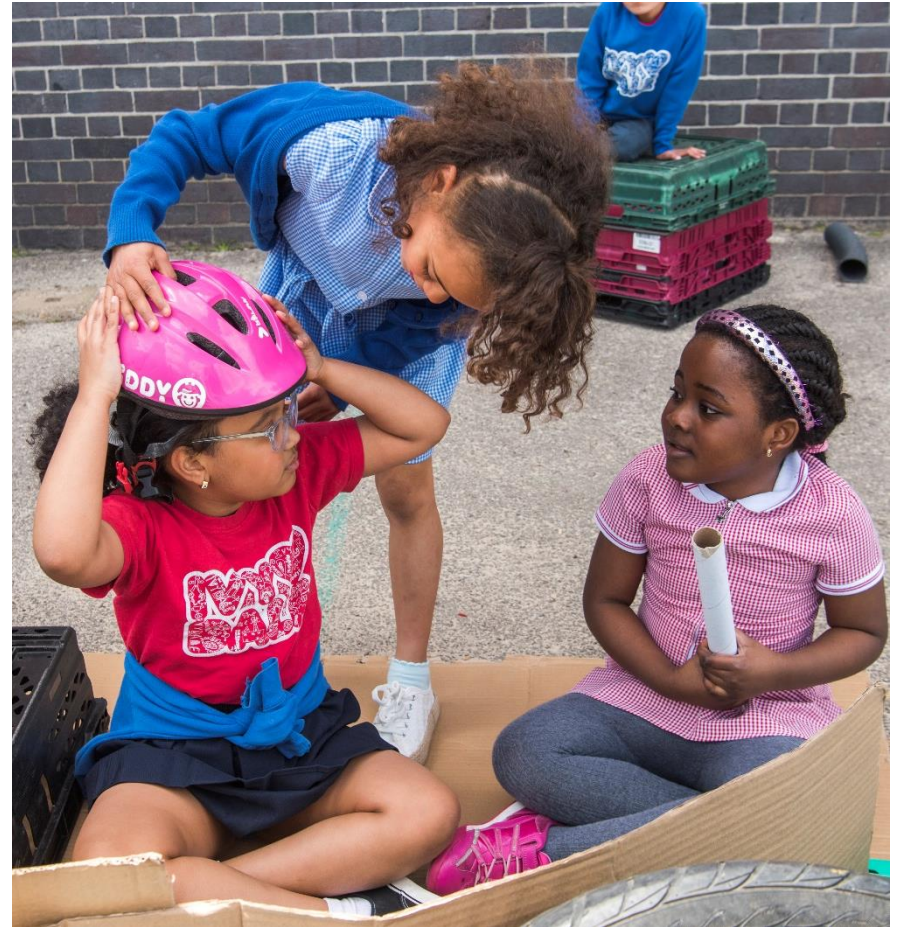
**Amazing playtimes,
for every child,
every day**



What is play?

Play is a process that is...

- Freely chosen
- Intrinsically motivated
- Self –directed by the child



Why play?



Play is a human right
Article 21 of the UNCRC

- To feel happy
- To feel joy
- To have friendship
- To have a healthy body
- To be mentally well
- To get on with people



Changes to Childhood – Causes



Traffic



Working parents



No time



No space



Over protection



Technology



Changes to Childhood – Effects



Many children now only play outdoors
with other children at school



A Platinum Award Winning OPAL School



OPAL Play is equal and equitable

Our playtimes are amazing for children who are

- Girls and boys
- Older and younger
- Sporty and non-sporty
- Loud and quiet
- Neuro typical and neuro atypical
- Adventurous and timid
- Sociable and shy



OPAL Play makes no assumptions



...about gender or age.



We are going to do this together

This will be only the second school in Asia to do this.

Will you help to make it a success?



We are going to do this together

You will need to judge what feels safe enough for you and your friends



You can play with the loose parts however you want



We are going to do this together

Please make sure everyone is enjoying themselves



We are going to do this together

Everyone can help themselves to the loose parts

At the end of playtime everyone needs to put away at least two things very quickly



It's your play. What will you do? Have fun!

