

# Play Questionnaire October 2018



**Dear Parent & Carer,**

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. We also want to find out about your child's experiences too. **Please return this to the school office after the half-term holiday.**

## Parent Section

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

- (a) Very important                      (b) Quite important                      (c) Not very important

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

- (a) Playtime is good                      (b) Playtime is a bit boring                      (c) My child does not like playtime

**Also,** (d) They would like to do more things at playtime                      (e) Playtime is too short

(f) Playtime is too long

**3) 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?**

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

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

**5) Do you feel your own child has the same play opportunities to play outdoors as you did?**

Yes    No

If No, why not?

6) If you could do something to address this, would you?

Yes No

## Child Section

Please ask your child the following questions.

7) Do all adults at school tell your child the same thing about what they can and cannot do at play times? (Circle below the face that best matches)

(a) Different adults at my school tell me different things about what I can and can't do at playtimes.



(b) Most of the adults tell me the same things about what I can and can't do at playtimes.



(c) All adults at my school tell me the same thing about what I can and can't do at play times.



8) Does your child get to use the field and wooded area all year? (Circle below the face that best matches)

(a) We hardly ever get to play on the field and in the woods.



(b) We get to play on the field and in the woods on dry summer days only



(c) We get to use the field and woods at every playtime all year.



9) Are there enough nice places for your child to sit at playtimes? (Circle below the face that best matches)

(a) There aren't any nice places to sit at play times.



(b) There are not enough nice places to sit at playtimes.



(c) There are lots of nice places to sit at play times.



10) Are there enough nice places for your child to sit at playtimes? (Circle below the face that best matches)

(a) There is nothing for me to use if I want to make up a game or build something.



(b) There is not enough things to use if I want to make up a game or build something.



(c) There is plenty of stuff around for me to play with if I want to make up a game or build something.



**11) Do adults help your child to have a great playtime?** (Circle below the face that best matches)

(a) I think the adults at playtimes mainly stop us doing things.



(b) I think the adults at our playtimes could do more to make playtimes more enjoyable.



(c) I think the adults at our playtimes help us have a really great playtime.



**12) Does your child enjoy nearly all their playtimes?** (Circle below the face that best matches)

(a) I do not enjoy most of my playtimes very much



(b) I enjoy some playtimes and do not enjoy others



(c) I really enjoy nearly all of my playtimes.



**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?

**THANK YOU!**