

HIGH LITTLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL OPAL STRATEGIC RESPONSIBILITIES



Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child states that 'A child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities appropriate to the age of the child and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.'

At High Littleton Church of England Primary School, we recognise that play is an essential part of a happy and healthy childhood. We provide consistently high quality, sustainable play opportunities for all children. These inclusive opportunities in play are achieved by offering carefully considered outdoor spaces, equipment and toys that offer a rich choice of accessible play experiences for every child.

We are committed to using our school vision and this play policy to guide our planning and actions in providing play opportunities for children. We believe play has a vital role in children's health, happiness and wellbeing. It creates children who are independent, confident, imaginative, adaptable, social and able to assess risks the whole school day.

OPAL Working Group:

Gareth Griffith – Headteacher

Ian Gunning – Curricular Lead for Play

Jayne Meissner/Amanda Woodland – Play Coordinators

Sarah Bolton – Play Champion (Parent/Staff)

Nicola Cunnington (Governor)

What does the OPAL Working Group do?

- Strategic leads for the school
- Meet six times a year
- Implement policies and procedures
- Provide safe opportunities for children to learn to take risks
- Provide resources
- Update the OPAL action plan
- Organisation of play days
- Monitoring of risk benefit analysis
- Communication with all stakeholders