

PLAY MATTERS!



RECOMMENDATIONS



A collaboration between Oxfordshire Play Association, Oxford Brookes University and Oxford University

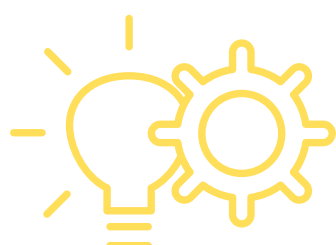


1) PROXIMITY

Ensure facilities are close to where people live, ideally within walking distance. More smaller playgrounds are better than fewer, bigger ones.

2) FREE ACTIVITIES

Offer free or 'pay what you can' activities where possible.



3) VARIETY

Provide activities that cater for different ages of children and their differing abilities and interests, that take place at the same venue and at the same time.

4) COMMUNICATION

Advertise events, activities and facilities widely, including through schools.

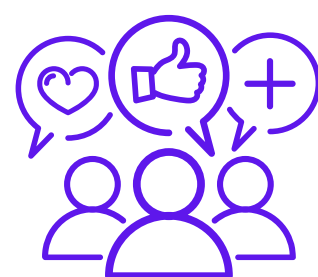


5) FACILITIES

Equip play spaces with clean, family-friendly toilets, and ideally somewhere to buy a hot drink!

6) SOCIAL SPACES

Plan social spaces, that give parents the opportunity to meet and socialise, while their children play. It's a chance for people to get to know others in their local area.



7) FREE OPPORTUNITIES

Think creatively about providing free opportunities for play, that don't need to be structured e.g. a woodland space that allows children to build dens, get muddy and discover nature, without cost.

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