



Plat Douet School

Play Policy Summary for Parents

Why Play Matters

- Play supports children's physical, emotional, social, and intellectual development.
- It builds resilience, independence, confidence, and strong relationships.
- Play helps children learn problem-solving, cooperation, and creativity.

Our Commitment

- We are an OPAL-supported school dedicated to providing rich, inclusive play opportunities.
- We value play as a vital part of the school day and children's overall wellbeing.

Risk, Challenge, and Safety

- We use a balanced risk-benefit approach to ensure children can explore safely while experiencing appropriate challenge.
- Supervision includes roaming and remote models, allowing for safe freedom during play.

Supervision

- Adults supervise through a mixture of ranging (moving through play areas) and remote supervision (overseeing from a distance).
- Reception children receive closer supervision until settled.

The Role of Adults

- Adults notice children's ideas and interests.
- They encourage and extend play where helpful without directing it.
- They provide materials and environments that promote creativity and collaboration.

Inclusive and Diverse Play

- Every child can participate regardless of age, background, or need.
- We offer varied play spaces that support movement, reflection, social connection, and creativity.

Our Play Environment

- We continually develop our outdoor spaces to provide inspiring, challenging, and welcoming areas.
- Children have access to natural materials, quiet zones, physical challenges, and social spaces.
- Our approach supports safeguarding through empowerment, prevention, protection, partnership, proportionality, and accountability.