



## **Adventure Playgrounds Play Policy**

We recognise that children have a right to access good quality play and recreational opportunities and are committed to taking positive steps to ensure this. We provide four Adventure Playgrounds that offer a secure and enriching environment for your children. They are specifically designed to meet children's play needs and allow for freely chosen, personally directed, intrinsically motivated play. Children are able to challenge themselves and manage acceptable levels of risk and develop in key areas such as social, creative and emotional development.

The Adventure Playgrounds offer a free accessible play provision for children age 8-16, as well as youth clubs for children age 10(yr6) -16. The playgrounds operate as an open access facility, which means they are free to access and your children are free to come and go as they please and free to choose the direction of their play.

Our service aims to be child/young people centred, friendly, secure and fun, so that everyone has an equal opportunity to participate. We offer a variety of activities during sessions, providing materials and equipment for your children to play and enhance their development. There are opportunities for both indoor and outdoor recreation, such as climbing structures, zip lines, swings, astro turf pitches, sports and team games. Indoor activities include, computers, pool, arts and crafts and indoor games. We also offer subsidised refreshments and meals.

Out of school settings who cater for children over 8 do not need to be registered by the DFE and are not required to be registered by any statutory organisation. There are no regulations governing many out of schools activities, unless it is an Ofsted registered childcare provider or have voluntarily applied to its register. The Playgrounds although no longer registered with Ofsted, still use it's guidance as a framework to continue delivering a safe environment for your child. This includes having and adhering to a safeguarding policy, having and adhering to Health & Safety Procedures, carrying out DBS checks, being GDPR compliant and having a complaints procedure.

The Adventure Playgrounds have permanent staff based at each site as well as casual support assistants. The staff at the playgrounds are experienced and qualified in all aspects of play and are here to enhance your child's play experience and to protect their welfare. All have been police checked and there is always a trained first aider on site.

A registration form must be completed online for all children attending the adventure playgrounds, so that we have details in case of an emergency. Once registered your child will be expected to sign in on the form provided for health and safety reasons.

Under 8's must be accompanied and supervised by a responsible person/s over the age of 18. Please ensure the safety of your child as some of the equipment is not designed for those children under the age of 8

If you would like further information, please don't hesitate to ask a member of staff and they'll be happy to help.

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