

COLDFALL PLAY POLICY SUMMARY



AIMS

- Create a welcoming, caring environment built on respect and positive self-esteem-
- Recognize play as essential for happiness, wellbeing, and successful learning
- Provide high-quality, sustainable, inclusive play opportunities.
- Transform provision with the OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) programme.



COMMITMENT

- All play decisions align with this policy.
- Leadership offers strategic and operational support for play



RATIONALE

- Play is a right (UN Convention. Article 31)
- Play must be inclusive, accessible, and welcoming
- Better play – happier, healthier children
+ positive learning attitudes

PLAY VALUES AT COLD FALL

Friendship – Build relationships through diverse play

Courage – Take reasonable risks, be creative

Perseverance – Try new things, rebuild when needed

Respect – Share, care for equipment, follow boundaries



DEFINITION & BENEFITS OF PLAY

- Freely chosen, satisfying, creative activities (with or without equipment)
- Supports physical, emotional, social, spiritual, intellectual growth, Builds communication, confidence, creativity, resilience



PLAY AIMS

- Provide varied, challenging environments that spark imagination
- Enable risk-taking with common-sense safety

