

Haringey Play Association



HarPA Information Pack for Parents/Carers and visitors

Play is essential in children's lives helping them to make sense of themselves and the world around them. The most important thing about Adventure Playgrounds is that they are places where children can just be children. They choose how, with what, with whom and for how long they play.

WHY PLAY IS IMPORTANT

Play is an essential part of every child's life and is vital for the enjoyment of childhood as well as social, emotional, intellectual and physical development.

Our Charter for Children's Play describes play as: 'what children and young people do when they follow their own ideas and interests, in their own way, and for their own reasons.'

Play has also frequently been described as 'what children and young people do when they are not being told what to do by adults.'

SOMERFORD GROVE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Adventure playgrounds are a unique form of open access staffed play provision where children and young people can enjoy their childhood through engaging in the full possibilities of their play. They are places where children and young people can play in ways that they often can't elsewhere. Using challenging play structures, creating dens and other self-made constructions, making fires and cooking, taking part in creative and messy activities, water play, sand play, and making and meeting friends. In adventure playgrounds children learn for themselves how to deal with challenges and risks and build the resilience needed to cope with life's challenges.

At Somerford Grove Adventure Playground we operate an open-access policy. This means that there is no charge at the point of access and children can come and go. The HarPA play-team's interventions are informed by the Play Work Principles which describe a unique perspective for working with children and young people. Having time and space to play gives children and young people the opportunity to meet and socialise with their friends, keeps them physically active, and gives the freedom to choose what they want to do.

For all Parent/Carers please note:

- All parent/carers must complete registration and consent forms for children and young people
- Children under the age of 6 are welcome but must be supervised by an accompanying adult.
- When children play they can get messy – appropriate clothing is advised
- Personal items such as money and phones are brought on to the playground at own risk.
- The Play team reserve the right to ask any adult or older youth acting in a manner that is harmful, abusive or detrimental to children's play to leave the site.
- Alcohol or drugs are not permitted onsite.
- Dogs are not permitted on site.
- Parents / carers must not intervene in children's play
- Parents / carers must not intervene in children and young people's disputes. Please advise a member of the Play team if any disputes or issues occur.

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PRIVACY NOTICE /GDPR

Haringey Play Association (HarPA) take your privacy seriously and will only use information gathered in relation to our provisions that meets the specific responsibilities as set out in General Data Protection Regulations. However, from time to time we would like to contact you with opening days/times, events, fundraising and other information regarding HarPA provisions.

Please complete a consent form if you agree to us contacting you for these purposes please tick to say how you would like us to contact you

We will store your information on our database for a maximum of 24 months unless re-registering or regularly using our services

The categories of young people's information that we collect, hold and share include:

- Personal information (such as name, date of birth, address, relevant medical information)
- Demographic (such as ethnicity, language, nationality)
- Attendance information (such as sessions attended)
- Information about any special educational need
- Parental information (such as name, contact number, address, email address)

Please ensure that the information we collect, hold and share is accurate by informing us of any changes. We would also like to pass your demographic (not personal) details onto:

- Children in Need
- Peabody Housing
- Dept. of Education – HAF funding
- Violence Reduction Unit

for the purposes of monitoring and reporting along with applying for funding and development opportunities. If you do not consent to us passing on your details for this purpose, please speak to a member of staff.

If you have any complaints, please request the complaints procedure. If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact Sereena Keymatlian (HarPA Director) for both Safeguarding and complaints.

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