

Statham Play Charter

The UN convention on the Rights of the Child Article 31 makes it a legal obligation for state parties to enact the UN convention.

Our charter is a promise to our children about how we will meet their legal and moral obligations to respect their rights.

All our children have the right to play and a need to play, they are free to choose what they do, with the chance to stretch and challenge themselves, take risks and enjoy freedom.

Every child needs time and space to play. We provide over an hour a day for **all** children the time and space to play freely and confidently with their peers outdoors.

Our play provision actively includes the widest range of children and encourages children from all groups. Adults let children play. They support children's play by respecting the value and importance of all types of play and by creating opportunities for children to play independently with their friends in different environments.

Children are able to play freely on the school grounds. They all have the same opportunities to use the spaces available and are able to move safely around the areas where they can play freely, experience nature, explore the environment and be with friends.

Children value and benefit from staffed play provision. Our children have access to a choice of staffed play spaces where their rights and needs are the first priority. Their play is enriched by skilled TAs who have had basic playwork training, they enhance the range and quality of play experiences for all children.

Children need time and space to play at school. Our school day allows time for children to relax and play freely with their friends. Young children learn best through play and, as they get older, play supports and enriches their learning. In school, time and space for play and outdoor learning is as important as formal teaching. Our school grounds are a great place to play.

Children sometimes need extra support to enjoy their right to play. For these children it is important that our school provides good play opportunities facilitated by trained staff and volunteers.

Our Charter

We have the right to play and enjoy OPAL.

We have the responsibility to make sure everyone enjoys playtime by making sure:

- everyone chooses what to play
- we share equipment fairly and kindly
- we take care of the equipment
- we treat each other how we like to be treated
- we keep everybody safe
- we are kind to others
- we help people if they need us
- we allow people to join in games
- we ask grownups if we need help to sort out our problems
- we listen to one and another
- we play safely
- we tidy equipment away

Signed: