

## Parent Carers Guide to Open Access Play

Our Community and Adventure Play sites are registered with Ofsted (office for standards in education) under the compulsory and voluntary childcare register. We are core funded by the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea to deliver open access play provision for children aged 5yrs (in year 1) to 15years.

What is Open access?

There are three key elements which define Open Access

**1. Free of charge at the point of entry:**

Children and young people are not required to pay to use the playground because play is a fundamental right of all children.

**2. Free to come and go:**

Children must feel the freedom to choose when they want to arrive and leave the playground. No child should feel confined to the playground.

**3. Free to choose.**

In order to assist in the development of self-esteem and confidence children should be able to choose what activities they wish to be involved in when.

Our Adventure playground's is a play space where children and young people engage by choice. The playgrounds are supervised by play workers who advocate for children and young people's right to play.

Children and young people are required to sign in and out on arrival and departure so we can monitor numbers for health and safety reasons, fire evacuations etc. If you wish for your child/young person not to leave the playground you will need to discuss this with them.

During busy holiday periods a play worker will assist at the entrance in the morning and an hour before closure to meet and greet children and answer any questions parent/carers may have about the playground, registration and offsite trips. Outside of this time (including after school) the area will be supervised whilst children are playing.

If you are accompanying your child/ren to the playgrounds, please ensure you **wait** with them to sign in, as there have been occasions where we have had to turn children away because we are at capacity at sites.

Children and young people will engage in messy play and will need to be suitably dressed to do so. This can include digging, painting structures, water play, and bonfires during all weather conditions. Sandals are not permitted in the playground for health and safety reasons. Although we have a programme of activities, it is flexible and can change to suit the interest of the children.

We have a strict no mobile phone policy at our playgrounds and understand that you may need to keep in contact. You can call the sites (See below). We ask our older children to take their phone calls outside the playground.

**Little Wormwood Scrubs Adventure Playground 0208 960 3234 / 07506 657 142**

**Flashpoint Centre Play 0207 349 9705 / 07506 653 288**

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