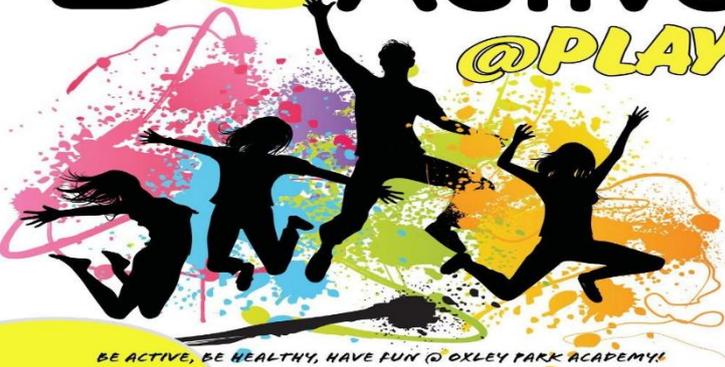


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## Risk Benefit in Play

- Play is essential for children's wellbeing, learning, and overall development.
- When planning or providing play opportunities, the goal is not to remove all risk, but to carefully balance risks with benefits.
- Children cannot learn about risk if they are over-protected or "wrapped in cotton wool."
- This approach is supported by the *Managing Risk in Play Provision: Implementation Guide* (Play England, 2012).

## Purpose of Risk in Play

- Play provision aims to give children:
  - Opportunities to encounter acceptable risks
  - Experiences that are stimulating, challenging, and meaningful
  - A controlled environment where they can test boundaries safely
- Acceptable levels of risk help children develop:
  - Judgement
  - Resilience
  - Confidence
  - Independence

## Our School's Approach to Risk Management

- In addition to standard risk/benefit assessments, the school uses dynamic risk management with children.
- Children are encouraged to:
  - Identify potential risks in their environment
  - Consider how to manage or reduce these risks
  - Take responsibility appropriate to their age and ability
- Adults are always present to:
  - Support, not control
  - Guide decision-making
  - Ensure that the environment remains safe while still offering challenge

