



OPAL – What is OPAL?

- OPAL is all about outdoor play and learning and the positive impact it has on children’s development and wellbeing.
- At OPAL we have seen how significantly improving play provision can benefit a school community.
- We believe in play for every child, ensuring all children have access to enriching, meaningful play experiences.

Why Play Matters?

- Children need time to play, interact with friends, get fresh air, and simply have fun.
- Our substantial school grounds provide ample space for all types of play, supporting creativity, exploration, and physical activity.
- Play is defined as any freely chosen activity that a child finds satisfying, enjoyable, and creative - with or without equipment or other people.

Play at Oxley Park Academy...

- Every child deserves opportunities to:
 - Explore, manipulate, and understand their environment
 - Experience freedom, choice, and creativity
 - Affect their surroundings through open-ended, imaginative play
- Our 6C values underpin the OPAL play rationale:
 - Co-operative
 - Caring
 - Curiosity
 - Conscientious
 - Courteous

Courage

These values help nurture resilient and confident individuals.

