



The OPAL Primary Programme

# Transform every playtime for every child



*"OPAL is one of the most impactful transformations on children's lives that we've seen in the UK in the last 10 years – not just in schools, not just in education but just as a way of making a positive difference in children's lives...I'm in awe actually."*

Tim Gill, independent scholar and global advocate for children's play and mobility.

**Outdoor Play and  
Learning (OPAL) CIC**

*Supporting school improvement through play*  
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# The OPAL impact



20%

**Yes, 20% of primary school time is playtime. Every school should have a clear vision and plan for how this time is spent.**



1.4 years

**That's how much of a child's primary school life is spent in playtimes. Imagine the impact if this was an outstanding quality experience.**

Our goal is that every child should have outstanding play experiences every day – with no exceptions. We want you to share this aspiration for your children with us.

Join

Join a global movement of over 2,000 schools that have discovered the transformative power of exceptional play.

When you partner with OPAL, you are not just enhancing playtime – you are revolutionising your entire educational approach, creating ripples of positive change that touch every aspect of school life.



## Transformative outcomes

### More learning time

On average, every teacher in an OPAL school has 10 minutes more teaching time per day.

### Future-ready skills

Great play develops the critical competencies children will need in a post-AI workplace – from collaborative innovation to creative problem solving.

### Holistic resilience

Build robust physical, social and emotional strength through diverse and challenging play experiences.

### Community building

Discover the amazing power of play to strengthen positive relationships between pupils, staff and parents.



# Your proven journey to excellence



OPAL is the world's leading organisation supporting school improvement through play.

We achieve our amazing results by allocating you a specialist mentor who will guide you through an 18-24-month programme of change.

Using our experience of having improved play for 1.5 million school children, your mentor will tailor the programme to your needs, your timescale and your resources.

All schools will benefit from OPAL.

Award

## OPAL College: your innovation hub

Until your first award, you can have unlimited access to our comprehensive learning and hosted networking platform.

Afterwards, it's £250 per year if you hold an award or are on a Next Steps programme. OPAL College includes:

- Role-specific training crafted by play development experts.
- Instant access to 200+ proven implementation resources.
- Dynamic monthly support sessions with OPAL specialists.
- Vibrant network of OPAL schools sharing tested strategies.



## Celebrating your success The OPAL Awards

**Excellence deserves celebration.**

Our comprehensive 18-point audit system offers four prestigious recognition tiers. Awards last for two years:

**Silver Award:**



Your foundation of play excellence.

**Gold Award:**



Advanced play innovation achieved.

**Platinum Award:**



Exemplary play leadership demonstrated.

**OPAL Honours:**



Elite status earned through sustained brilliance.

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## Next Steps

### The key to sustaining excellence

Achieving excellence is a challenge, sustaining it is even harder.

To help you keep going on your journey of inspiration and improvement beyond the OPAL Primary Programme, we offer a flexible range of Next Steps support packages.

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## Begin your school's transformation

Join the rapidly growing community of OPAL schools across the UK and beyond that are experiencing the revolutionary impact of exceptional play.

*"It was an absolute joy and a privilege to hear from the children, the school staff and the parents and carers the difference that it has made – in terms of everyone's wellbeing, improved attendance and improved relationships."*

Claire Sheils, Director of Children's Services, North Somerset Council.



Let's create something extraordinary together!

Join today!



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# Pioneering the play revolution

The world's leading primary school play programme



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