

Open Access Play Provision



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What is Open Access Play Provision?

Open Access play provision can be delivered in a variety of locations, with or without premises including:

- Leisure / Community centres
- Outdoor Playgrounds
- Parks / Open spaces
- Adventure Playgrounds

Provision can be permanent or short term & cater for children mainly aged 8-14, although children aged 5-7 are able to attend if the provision is registered by CSSIW or run for less than 2 hours per session. There is usually no charge to access provision, although some provision charge a minimal fee.

The purpose of the provision is to provide staffed play opportunities for children within their communities. Staff provide a variety of resources & materials which ensure ALL children have access to quality play opportunities. Children are given opportunity to explore & try things out for themselves without adult intervention.

Children are not restricted in their movements & are not prevented from coming & going as they wish. Open access provision aims to be child centred, friendly, fun & inclusive for ALL children.

What can you expect from the provision?

- Qualified staff operating within open access procedures & guidelines
- Play Opportunities that are chosen by the children themselves
- Resources, materials & space that enable children to take part in various play opportunities including elemental play, active play, creative play & messy play
- Opportunities for challenge & risk within a supervised environment
- Children having fun

What Open Access Play Provision is not?

- Childcare Provision
- Sports Provision
- Organised Activity Provision
- Youth Provision