



'Respectful and resilient; being the best that we can be.'

Timothy Hackworth Primary School



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Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL)

CRC Article 31 - All children have the right to play and rest.



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Did you know that children spend 20%, or 1.4 years, of their primary school years on the playground or playing in some form?

At Timothy Hackworth, we are passionate about developing our outdoor play and learning offer so that provision is the best that it can be. Play has many benefits and helps children to learn and develop.

We have joined the Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) Primary Programme to improve opportunities for physical activity, socialisation, cooperation, coordination, resilience, creativity, imagination and enjoyment through improved play.

To begin with, we invite you to take a look at the introductory video to find out more about OPAL:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZfrmY9tuCM&t=72s>

We are extremely excited about this project and hope that you will support us in our efforts to improve playtime for all children.

We look forward to sharing future developments with you soon.

Best wishes,

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