

Dear Headteacher,

My name is Adrian Barnes. I am the Play Development Worker for Great Yarmouth. The emphasis of my role is to develop, promote and encourage free (i.e. non structured) play for children aged 3-11. The primary resources available are the borough's Play Grounds. We hope that other play opportunities will also be developed where needs are identified. We are looking to work with various organisations, schools, parents etc. We are working across the borough but with those living in the most deprived areas forming the primary target group.

Just as the Sport Development Officer promotes and encourages sport and physical activities across the borough, we will be working on a similar level promoting and encouraging free (ie. non structured) play for children aged 3-11.

We have been tasked with carrying out a survey regarding play. This has been trailed very successfully in two local schools and we now need to extend the survey into further schools.

Please see a copy of the questionnaire attached for your information (the date shown was for the two trial schools. This is to be amended.) There are two versions of this with questions aimed at the parents for younger children and aimed at the children themselves in the case of older children. As an incentive we are able to offer a free swim pass for the Marina Centre to those who complete and return the forms by the due date.

We would like to provide survey forms for one class in each year group within your school and following an opportunity to give a short presentation regarding the survey in an assembly as soon as is convenient.

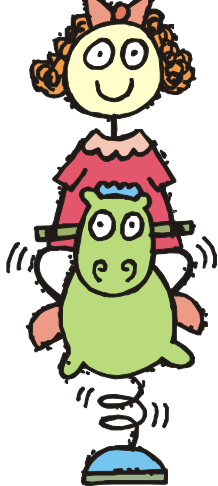
We hope that you see this piece of work as able to make a valuable contribution to your children. We would be grateful if you are please help with this as we are keen to include your school in the consultation.

Please do get back to us if you have any further questions. If you are please able to offer a date when we could speak to the children at an assembly between 15 September - 17 October we would be grateful if you would please get back to us with a proposed date by return as the time limit is fairly tight for the number of schools across the borough.

We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks in anticipation of your support.

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Hi there!

PLAY SURVEY

Children aged 3-11

We would like all children to be able to have lots of different ways to play, if that is what they want to do. Would you please answer the following questions to help us to see what else can be done to help your child to play. We are interested in your child's view as well as your own, so please write what you both think. Please then return this form to your child's school by **Friday, 27th June 2008**. Thank you.

QUESTIONS ABOUT YOU

Is your child a boy

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Yes



or a girl?

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Yes



How old is he/she?

Which School/Pre School does he/she go to?

QUESTIONS ABOUT PLAYGROUNDS

1. Which Playground is nearest to your home?

2. What does he/she like about that Playground?

3. What would make the Playground better?

4. a) Which is his/her favourite Playground?

b) Why is this one his/her favourite?

5. How often does he/she visit any Playground in the summer?

(Put a circle around the right answer)

Every day / Every week/ Every month / Never

6. How often does he/she visit any Playground in the winter?

(Put a circle around the right answer)

Every day / Every week/ Every month / Never

7. If he/she never goes to a Playground, why not?

8. What would get him/her to go to a Playground more?

9. What are his/her favourite things to play on in a Playground?

1st Choice

2nd Choice

3rd Choice



OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT PLAYING

10. Apart from going to Playgrounds what else does he/she like to do when playing?

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11. What Play Schemes, Clubs or other Play Activities does he/she go to?

What are they called and where are they held?

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12. Would he/she like to attend a Play Scheme or Club?

Yes

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No

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If 'YES' what would he/she like to do there?

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If 'NO' why would he/she not like to go?

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HAVE YOUR SAY ABOUT PLAY

Is there anything else you would like to say about Play?

Please write down what you think below or attach another piece of paper with your ideas.



Thanks for your help

