❤️ Our Children's Play Charter

What Article 31 (UNCRC) means to us

At our school, we believe that **play is a right, not a reward**. Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child says that every child has the right to **rest, relax, play and take part in cultural and creative activities**.

This is what that means for **our children** and **our school**:

🌈 Our Right to Play

- We have the right to **play every day**, indoors and outdoors.
- We have the right to **fun, enjoyable and exciting playtimes**.
- We have the right to **feel safe, included and respected** when we play.
- We have the right to **relax and rest**, not just work.

🌿 Our Play at School

At our school, play will:

- Help us **learn new skills**, solve problems and be creative.
- Help us **make friends**, share, take turns and work as a team.
- Support our **wellbeing**, helping us feel happy, calm and confident.
- Happen **in all weathers**, because there is no such thing as bad weather – only the wrong clothing!

Through the **OPAL approach to play**, our school promises to:

- Provide **interesting, varied and open-ended resources** to play with.
- Offer different **play zones** so we can choose how we want to play.

- Allow us **time and freedom** to explore, imagine, build, climb, role-play and create.
- Listen to children's **ideas and voices** about playtimes and act on them.

🤝 Our Responsibilities as Play Partners

We know that with rights come responsibilities. As children, we will try to:

- Be **kind, fair and respectful** to others in our play.
- Help to **look after our equipment and spaces**.
- Include others and **make sure no one is left out**.
- Play safely and **think carefully about risks** to ourselves and others.

Adults in our school will:

- **Value play** as an essential part of our school day.
- **Join in, support and supervise** play in a positive way.
- Make sure playtimes are **safe, inclusive and enjoyable** for everyone.
- Keep improving play based on **children's ideas and feedback**.

📝 Our Play Charter belongs to us.

We will revisit it regularly with children, staff and families to make sure our playtimes are the best they can be and that **Article 31 is lived, not just written down.**