

OUTDOOR PLAY CODE

The Do's and Don'ts of playing near your home

- If there is a play area in your neighbourhood, go there if your parents agree
- Try not to play out alone and always tell your parents where you will be
- Playing on the road is very dangerous
- Put litter in bins or take it home
- Try not to damage trees or plants – even if they do make good goalposts. If anything is damaged or anyone complains - tell your parents
- If your ball goes in a garden – knock and ask before going to get it. Don't climb over walls, hedges and fences. Play somewhere else if it keeps happening
- Try not to be noisy or play in one place for a long time
- Do not play against walls or fences
- Be a good neighbour – think of others!



Adults please note:

- Remember you were young once
 - Children can't always play at home
 - Children need to play with other young people
 - Children of different ages have different play needs
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If there is a problem:

- Explain the problem to the children
- Try to suggest a positive alternative
- Avoid confrontation and arguments
- Speak to parents – especially before making an official complaint
- Don't invite children into your home

Parents:

- You are responsible for your children's behaviour
- Their play needs are important, but can disturb other residents
- Ask your children to respect the community, people and property
- Discussion and compromise is the best way to resolve disputes

Thank you