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for schools
and groups



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ABOUT OASIS PLAY

INTRODUCTION FOR SCHOOLS AND GROUPS

Oasis Play provides unique opportunities and facilities to enhance curriculum-based and holistic learning through play.

Oasis Play is fully inclusive. Disabled and non-disabled children and young people play together, learn new skills, make friends and freely choose activities that are challenging, exciting and fun.

ABOUT OASIS PLAY

Oasis Play is a local charity in Stockwell, London, which aims to improve the lives of children, young people and the local community. We do this by delivering supervised play activities across our sites and projects.

Specialist activity sessions are provided for schools, youth groups, private groups and other agencies to take part in a wide range of educational and outdoor activities. Free open-access activities are also provided after school, on Saturdays and during all school holidays (except during the Christmas holiday closure) for local children.

Each of our projects has a team of experienced play and youth workers who ensure that all children and young people are able to make the most of the amazing opportunities we have available:

Nature Garden: A green space in the heart of Stockwell

Activities include: growing and planting, mud kitchen, woodland fun, pond dipping, cooking and environmental play.

Adventure Playground: Take risks and think big

Activities include: climbing, running, sliding, swinging, football, friends, cycling and adventurous playing.

Karting Project: A fast-paced and motivating sport

Take part in: go karting, racing, mechanics, volunteering and our mentoring scheme.

Sports Project: Keep fit and try something new

Sports include: boxing, football, climbing, cycling, tennis, multi-sports and BMXing.

Volunteering Project: Learn, help and share

Volunteering activities and placements take place across the Oasis Play Projects.

Inclusion Project: Making play inclusive

Supporting disabled children and young people to join in all that Oasis has to offer.

OPENING TIMES FOR SCHOOL AND GROUP VISITS

Please contact the relevant project directly for information about group bookings during Saturdays and school holidays.

Term Time	Nature Garden	Adventure Playground	Karting Project	Sports Project
Monday	10am-3pm	10am-3pm	10am-6.30pm	11am-3pm
Tuesday	10am-3pm	10am-3pm	10am-4pm	11am-3pm
Wednesday	10am-3pm	10am-3pm	10am-6.30pm	11am-3pm
Thursday	10am-3pm	10am-3pm	10am-4pm	11am-3pm
Friday	10am-3pm	10am-3pm	10am-4pm	11am-3pm
Saturday		4.30pm-7pm	10am-1.30pm	4.30pm-7pm
Sunday	11am-4pm			

School Holidays	Nature Garden	Adventure Playground	Karting Project	Sports Project
Monday	4.30pm-7pm	4.30pm-7pm	10am-6.30pm	4.30pm-7pm
Tuesday	4.30pm-7pm	4.30pm-7pm	10am-6.30pm	4.30pm-7pm
Wednesday	4.30pm-7pm	4.30pm-7pm	10am-6.30pm	4.30pm-7pm
Thursday	4.30pm-7pm	4.30pm-7pm	10am-6.30pm	4.30pm-7pm
Friday	4.30pm-7pm	4.30pm-7pm	10am-6.30pm	4.30pm-7pm
Saturday		10am-5pm	10am-6.30pm	10am-5pm
Sunday	11am-4pm			



“ The Oasis Inclusion Project has ensured that my autistic son is included and supported in accessing various mainstream play services and the local community, by providing a specialist service second to none in our borough.

Parent of Inclusion Project user

INCLUSION PROJECT

Inclusion is at the heart of all Oasis Play services.
We offer a safe and fun place for disabled children to grow, develop, make choices, take risks and have freedom within their play.

OUR APPROACH

We know from experience that finding suitable, exciting and safe play provision for disabled children and young people can be challenging, so we have developed the Inclusion Project in response. This project has a specialist team of inclusive playworkers who support disabled children and young people across all Oasis Play projects.

The aim of the Inclusion Project is to provide a quality service that is flexible and responsive to individual and group needs, whilst also providing unique play opportunities.

Our experienced team work with the other Oasis Play project staff to ensure that all sessions are inclusive and sites are accessible to disabled children and young people.

SESSIONS WITH THE INCLUSION PROJECT

Throughout this brochure you will find information about a range of different sessions available at Oasis Play. All listed school and group sessions, volunteering opportunities and training courses are offered to disabled children and young people, with some projects providing an additional specialist session.

Accessibility

Oasis Play works to ensure that all our sites and services are accessible to disabled children and young people. We recognise that providing a quality service requires having an inclusive attitude, as well as ensuring the physical environment is accessible.

Staff

All sessions delivered to disabled children and young people are supported by specialist staff from the Inclusion Project. Our staff are experienced in working with disabled children and young people with a range of physical and learning disabilities on a 1:1 and 1:4 basis. Additionally, all Oasis Play staff complete Inclusion Project training and work to support inclusion throughout Oasis Play.

Accessible Toilets

All Oasis Play sites have wheelchair accessible toilets. An accessible changing unit is also available at the Adventure Playground, with height adjustable changing bed, height adjustable sink, ceiling track hoist and shower.

Hoists

Manual hoists are available at all Oasis Play sites. A FreeSpan hoist is available at the Karting Project for transferring in and out of go karts.

Communication

Site-specific PECs cards are available to support communication.

Go Karting

The Karting Project offer assisted driving in our dual-control go karts. A hand controlled go kart is also available on site.

Sensory Play

Soft play and sensory equipment are available at the Nature Garden and Adventure Playground.

Sports

Specialist sports equipment including our Boccia set, squeeze whistles, bell footballs, adapted bikes, side-by-side pedal karts and wheelchair accessible trampoline are available through this project.



Come and visit the richest classroom of all: nature.

With our ponds, wildflower meadow, greenhouse, vegetable patch and woodland, the Nature Garden is brim-full of opportunities for exploration, challenge, fun and hands-on learning.

OUR APPROACH

We run inclusive sessions for children of all ages led by a dedicated team. Working with the needs and aims of each group, we provide activities that allow children and young people experiential and practical learning opportunities and a chance to explore the natural environment right in the centre of Stockwell. Sessions can vary from one-off visits to weekly sessions, curriculum or play based

SESSIONS AT THE NATURE GARDEN

Environmental Education

Bring the national curriculum alive with rocks, soils, plants and habitats at the Nature Garden.

Sessions are hands-on and participatory, offering opportunities for children to explore the garden for themselves and learn through games, activities and discussion.

Add a bit of magic to your literacy lessons. From a Flat Stanley Egyptian treasure adventure, to following Stick Man through the woods, or going on a Bear Hunt, the Nature Garden is a perfect space for inspiring imaginations.

Wild about food? Children can experience outdoor cooking, learn to grow and harvest their own food, test their sense of smell with different herbs, and plant a seed to take home.

Treat a group at the end of term or during playscheme by bringing them to enjoy the Nature Garden space and hunt for treasure.

“It's good for improving behaviour. When they make things out of two sticks and a piece of string they are very proud. They can't wait to come and tell everyone. This from a child who wouldn't talk to anyone two weeks earlier.

Teacher

Environmental Education sessions last 1.5 hours and cater for up to 32 children/young people.





Forest School

Positive, challenging and engaging, Forest School sessions include activities such as shelter building, tool use, fire lighting, blindfold exploration, species identification and team games.

Whilst containing many explicit links to the national curriculum and teaching participants much about the world around them, the primary focus is on raising self-esteem and understanding, developing group work skills and contributing to physical and mental well-being.

All sessions include achievable challenges, a mix of individual and group activities, and often provide the child with something to take home or back to school to stimulate conversation.

“The staff, they are really amazing, accommodating, flexible and keen to learn about what is best and what works for our children.”

Teacher

Forest School sessions are 1.5 hours in duration. Whole classes can be catered for, but best results and more physically challenging activities are achieved with groups of up to 15.

Environmental Play

Go wild or unwind at the garden. Child-centred natural and imaginative play activities are available to individuals, groups and parties. Have fun racing snails, hunting for treasure, or digging in the sand and mud pits. Get imaginative and dress up, have your face-painted and much more.

Environmental Play sessions are 1.5 hours in duration. Sessions during school holidays or after school clubs have a maximum of 15 participants allowed.

NATURE GARDEN

A photograph of a young child with brown hair, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt, climbing a dark metal chain structure. The child is seen from behind, reaching up with both hands to grip the chain. The background is a dense wall of green foliage.

ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

We believe that every child has the right to play. At the Adventure Playground all children have the chance to explore and express themselves through play in its many forms.

OUR APPROACH

The Adventure Playground approach is bedded in play and play principles. We endeavour to ensure that children and young people have complete agency over how they play and that their experience of the Adventure Playground is one of excitement, imagination and fun. Our group activities, although operating to a plan, will always have the space and capacity for children to influence and change the direction of play.

Our experienced staff team share a combined knowledge of play and children's needs, which they use to both facilitate play and to design and deliver bespoke activities.

The site includes a wide variety of play opportunities including: climbing structure, multiple swings, forest garden and wild area, bike track, fire pit, sand pit and water play area. We also have a multi-use sports area, a range of bikes, scooters and pedal karts and a variety of soft play equipment.

We operate a fully inclusive service in terms of attitude and practice, as well as providing accessible structures, equipment and activities.

"I've definitely got braver. Because I'm really shy my sister always does the talking for me, but when she's not here it gives me a chance to be myself. I like to talk in my own words."

Adventure Playground user



SESSIONS AT THE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

Play-based Learning Programme

Working with teachers to create play-based opportunities to reinforce classroom learning. These sessions are based on classroom topics and utilise group games and teamwork to focus on sharing and working towards a common goal.

Our team works closely with each school or group to plan and design sessions around the needs of the children and young people participating. We draw on skills around creativity, arts and crafts, physical play, group games and adventurous play.

Play-based Learning Programmes run termly, though one-off sessions can be arranged. Sessions are 1.5 hours in duration. Whole classes can be catered for, but best results and more physically challenging activities are achieved with groups of up to 20.

Reward and Free Play Sessions

A chance for pupils to let off steam and enjoy the efforts of their positive behaviour with free rein over the Adventure Playground.

Reward and Free Play sessions are flexible, but are usually between 1-2 hours in duration. Group size is flexible.


Inclusive Play Training for Teachers/Lunchtime Supervisors

Bespoke workshops and training days to help staff teams build confidence around using play to facilitate and add an additional element to learning. These sessions are supported by the Inclusion Project and include training around facilitating inclusive play with disabled and non-disabled children.

Training courses are half a day in duration, and can be delivered to small or large groups. For practical learning reasons, courses are delivered on site at Oasis Play.

“ The Oasis staff help me learn what’s safe and dangerous and I can then pass it on to other people.

Adventure Playground user

A young person is shown from the chest up, wearing a black racing helmet with a clear visor. They are looking directly at the camera with a focused expression. The helmet has some white and red markings. They are holding the steering wheel of a blue kart. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be an outdoor karting track with other people and structures in the distance.

“ The Karting Project has given me loads of confidence. It’s been great fun working with the other people there.

Young Person

Race around London’s only youth-led go kart track. The Karting Project offers an exciting and challenging karting experience for disabled and non-disabled young people, providing the opportunity to take part in an exhilarating activity, whilst also learning practical skills.

OUR APPROACH

Our aim is to broaden the horizons of young people by fostering long lasting passions and creating opportunities for learning, training and future employment.

The Karting Project team give young people the chance to operate within clear boundaries, take measured risks, and to develop self-control, responsibility and patience. The project enables them to develop vital social skills in terms of cooperation, team working, leadership and effective communication techniques. Young people learn to work as a team and are presented with challenges, practical exercises and learning activities during sessions.

The Karting Project is frequently used by groups of disabled young people, including those with mobility, visual and/or hearing impairments. Our team also has a track record of working with hard to reach or at risk young people. We are committed to ensuring all young people have the right support to access karting sessions.

“We brought a group of young people who had a variety of hearing disabilities and the team at the Karting Project really looked after them all. They were great at communicating with the children and made them all feel confident.”

Group Leader

KARTING PROJECT



SESSIONS AT THE KARTING PROJECT

(Sessions are for groups of up to 16 participants, aged 8+ years)

Just Drive (2 hours)

Bring a group to drive as an end of term treat, as a motivational activity or to celebrate a birthday. Groups have sole access to the site including our karting track and porter cabin, with comfy seating area, sound system and a pool table.

Just Drive + Workshop (2.5 hours)

As well as driving, the group can spend some time learning more about go-karting through one of our educational workshops; Kart Mechanics or Track Marshalling.

Just Drive + Sports (2 hours + 1 hour)

If you would like to add a little more excitement to your driving event, we have partnered up with the Sports Project to offer a 1 hour sports session to keep the adrenaline pumping after karting. Sports include BMX racing, boxing, football and more, and are offered at a discounted rate when booked with karting.

Right Track Challenge (3 hours)

Learn to drive and develop mechanical skills and health and safety awareness. This fun and challenging session will help develop young people's confidence and team-building skills in a creative and engaging way.

This package can combine the following

- Driving and racing experience
- Kart mechanics and maintenance workshop
- Health and safety workshop
- Track marshalling workshop

AQA Accredited Right Track Training (9 hours)

During this educational course, young people complete the Right Track Challenge workshops, whilst also achieving AQA accreditations in Kart Maintenance and Volunteering, upon completion.

This course can be completed in 3 x 3 hour sessions, or tailored to meet the time demands of each organisation, with varying options for full or half day sessions.

The Inclusive Karting Experience

All of the sessions previously mentioned can be specifically designed and adapted for groups of disabled young people, who can learn to drive and race along our track in a safe, supported and adaptive environment. Driving sessions and interactive workshops are tailored to the young people attending, providing fun and constructive challenges and learning activities to build confidence and encourage teamwork. We have a range of custom karts including dual controlled/double seated karts and our hand controlled kart to ensure everyone can take part.



SPORTS PROJECT

Accessible sports sessions for all!



The Sports Project runs sessions for disabled and non-disabled children and young people with a wide range of sporting activities. Sports sessions are designed for all levels of ability, whether a child is new to table tennis, or a young person is a keen boxer.

OUR APPROACH

The Sports Project gives young people sporting opportunities they would not normally have access to, allowing them to explore a wide range of sports. Where required, exit strategies with links into sport-specific clubs are available.

Sports Project sessions aim to encourage children and young people to learn a new sport, to work as a team, to take turns and share, and to follow rules whilst having fun.

The Oasis Play sites offer unique environments for taking part in sporting activities. We provide access to a mix of different sports equipment, and our team works with specialist coaches to offer diverse sporting sessions.





SESSIONS WITH THE SPORTS PROJECT

SEN and mainstream schools and colleges are offered the chance to supplement their sports curriculum with exciting and inclusive sports activities.

Sessions can be designed and delivered specifically to SEN school or college groups. We work with fully qualified coaches who have specific knowledge of delivering inclusive sporting sessions to disabled children and young people.

These sessions offer

- 1 hour of sporting activity delivered by a fully qualified coach
- 1 hour of supervised free play at the Adventure Playground
- Healthy refreshments

Schools can choose from a range of different sporting activities, including

- BMX riding lessons: learn how to ride on our BMX bike track
- Climbing lessons: learn how to climb and reach the top of our 8ft climbing rock and climbing wall
- Boxing/fitness sessions: use our Boxing Hub at the Karting Project and our open space at the Adventure Playground to create a unique outdoor boxing and fitness session
- Football sessions: get tackling during these sessions coached by the Crystal Palace Foundation
- Other sports sessions: utilise the space on our multi-purpose sports pitch to take part in tennis, volleyball, rounders, touch rugby or table tennis

School sports sessions are 2 hours in duration and run weekly during term-time over a block period of 6 weeks. The structure of the sessions is flexible.

“ I enjoy the new sports that we do. I tried Mixed Martial Arts for the first time this summer and loved it.”

Sports Project user



“ Oasis is a fun place that helps young people make decisions in life and develop better skills and communication.”

Young volunteer

VOLUNTEERING PROJECT

Learn through volunteering whilst supporting the local community. Oasis Play offers volunteering opportunities to disabled and non-disabled young people, as well as to corporate partners. Our sites and projects are so diverse that you could spend one session planting seeds in the Nature Garden greenhouse, another running an activity at a youth club, and the next restoring one of our accessible playground structures.

OUR APPROACH

We believe children and young people should be given the opportunity to learn and gain new skills in a supportive environment. Many young people grow up through Oasis Play, and volunteering can be an important step in taking on more responsibilities and achieving new goals.

Volunteering encourages young people to gain confidence, it enhances their learning, and it offers relevant work experience. We encourage young people to complete activities that suit their interests and support them to take on new challenges.

Volunteering activities for young people can include:

- Kart track marshalling and kart maintenance
- Gardening and site maintenance
- Leading young peoples' activities and supporting play sessions
- Office support such as administration and data collection
- Co-production in development plans

Oasis Play also greatly benefits from groups of corporate volunteers. These sessions can be a fantastic chance to get the team out of the office, promote team building and support a community project whilst gaining new skills and experience.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Supported Volunteering

High quality volunteering and mentoring programme for disabled young people aged 15 years and above.

Oasis Play recognises that disabled young people have limited access to quality work experience and volunteering opportunities. This programme supports disabled young people to develop key skills and experiences and become more work ready. We do this by developing confidence and motivation, assisting with career planning, strengthening employability and supporting with preparing for work. Supported Volunteers work across all Oasis Play Projects, completing self set targets and AQA accredited courses, and attending work placements in local businesses.

With funding through a care package, Supported Volunteers are supported by a keyworker from the Inclusion Project.

Volunteering and Mentoring Programme

Exciting volunteering opportunities for young people aged 15-18 years.

This programme enables young people to volunteer at any of the Oasis Play Projects. Young Volunteers are encouraged to set their own targets based on

what they want to achieve, whether that is to gain new knowledge and skills, to improve their wellbeing, or to get involved in their local community. Regular supervision and mentoring sessions are provided to ensure volunteering tasks remain relevant to the Young Volunteer. Young Volunteers can leave with valuable work experience, AQA-accredited qualifications and supporting references that build a portfolio.

Corporate Volunteers

Company staff teams donate their time and skills to help tackle important tasks across all Oasis Play sites.

The business case for corporate volunteering is overwhelming; numerous studies have shown a range of key benefits, including opportunity to increase staff morale, team working and local connections, and to enhance reputation and credibility. We highly value our corporate volunteering partners who contribute immensely to the fabric of Oasis Play, improving our sites and services and making a visible commitment to the local community.

Our Volunteering Project can support training and development by offering structured and supervised activities that aim to improve confidence, communication, team-building, self-awareness and creativity, whilst also developing practical skills such as gardening and grounds maintenance, woodwork and problem solving.





CONTACT DETAILS

For more information about school and group sessions, pricing, or to make a booking, please contact the relevant project:

- Inclusion Project: inclusion@oasisplay.org.uk
- Nature Garden: education@oasisplay.org.uk
- Adventure Playground: adventure@oasisplay.org.uk
- Karting Project: karting@oasisplay.org.uk
- Sports Project: sport@oasisplay.org.uk
- Volunteering Project: volunteers@oasisplay.org.uk

All projects can also be contacted through our main office:
020 7622 8756 // Oasis Play, 33 Priory Grove, London SW8 2PD

Nature Garden entrance: **Corner of Larkhall Lane and Studley Rd, SW4 6SP**

Adventure Playground entrance: **Larkhall Lane, SW4 6SP**

Karting Project entrance: **Priory Grove, SW8 2PD**

Find out more about Oasis Play on our website and social media:



www.oasisplay.org.uk



facebook.com/OasisStockwell



[@OasisPlay](https://twitter.com/OasisPlay)



MAKING A REFERRAL

In addition to school and group sessions, we provide after school, Saturday and playscheme services.

If you work with a family or individual who you think would benefit from any of the Oasis Play projects, services or sessions, you can make a referral to us. Please contact the relevant project for further details and assistance.

To make a referral to our specialist services, please contact the relevant project:

- To refer a disabled child or young person to the Inclusion Project: inclusion@oasisplay.org.uk
- To refer a young person to the Karting Project mentoring scheme: mentor@oasisplay.org.uk





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