



# Information For Parents



## Introduction

Playrangers is an exciting service which supports and encourages children to play freely outdoors. Playrangers are qualified and experienced play workers who deliver free, open access play sessions within parks and open spaces in local communities. The Project promotes use of the natural environment as well as child led play, providing activities such as; cooking on an open fire, water sliding, sledging, painting, den building, face painting, wood whittling, group games, active play and so much more. Playrangers provide all necessary equipment, ingredients and toys for each session.



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## Age Range and Supervision



The Playranger project is aimed at children aged 8 to 12 years, although families and children of all ages are welcome. Children under the age of 8 are required to have a parent / guardian present to look after them throughout the session.

Playrangers are not childminders; they are there to facilitate children's play and are not responsible for any children who are left unsupervised.



Playranger sessions are open access. Children can come and go as they please; whether they stay for 10 minutes or the full 2 hours. Parents are welcome to leave children over the age of 8, if they believe them to be mature enough to take responsibility for themselves. As the sessions are open access, we cannot stop a child leaving at any time. Parents will need to discuss their own boundaries and collection arrangements with their child.



The Playranger project encourages children to take responsibility for their own actions, which contributes to their personal development and social skills.

Children are encouraged to resolve disagreements and conflict amongst themselves and Playrangers will only intervene if they feel a child is at unnecessary risk.

## Expectation of Parents

The Playranger service aims to enhance the opportunities for children so that they are able to enjoy the health, social and well-being benefits of playing outdoors with other children. We request that all parents respect the play environment we are trying to create for children, by refraining from smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages or using inappropriate language whilst attending.

Please ask one of the Playranger team if you are unsure about anything, we are always happy to help.



## When You Arrive

If you have not been with us before, you will need to complete a registration form. These can be found on our website or emailed over to you upon request. We require completed forms before your child participates in the service. Please return these to our email: [community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk](mailto:community.wellbeing@guildford.gov.uk)

When you arrive, your child will need to sign-in by letting the Playranger with the session sheet know; Once completed, your child is ready to play! There is no need to sign-out when you leave.

## Clothing

As the service is delivered outdoors and in all weather conditions, throughout the year. It is important that parents understand that children are likely to get wet, muddy, dirty, smelly (from the fire smoke), hot or cold during sessions. Parents need to ensure their child is dressed appropriately, so they can fully enjoy and benefit from the activities on offer.

## First Aid

Playrangers are equipped and trained to be able to administer emergency aid to children during sessions. Cuts, bruises, minor burns and injuries will be dealt with when they occur at session. Parents will be made aware of any serious first aid treatment that has been administered when they collect their child. Playrangers will refer more serious injuries to the emergency services and notify parents immediately of any action taken. It is therefore important that parents provide up-to-date emergency contact information, which can be done by filling out a new registration form.

## COVID-19 Information

To help reduce the likelihood of transmission of COVID-19 to everyone attending Playrangers, it is important that the service offers a safe environment. Please help to achieve this by:

- reminding your child to try to keep 2 metres apart from anyone not in their household
- ensuring your child washes their hands for at least 20 seconds before and after attending the session
- on arrival and throughout the session please encourage your child to use the hand sanitiser at 'Base Camp'
- **do not** let your child attend if they display any symptoms of coronavirus, they will be asked to leave
- alerting us if your child develops coronavirus-like symptoms within 48 hours of attending session

There may be a reduced amount of play equipment at sessions to permit comprehensive hygiene practices. An enhanced cleaning schedule will be implemented at the beginning and end of sessions and throughout the children's play.

## Contact Details

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