Rowans Primary

The Rowans Primary Play Promise

Our Charter for Outdoor Play and Learning



At The Rowans, every child has the right to play, explore, learn and belong.

We believe that play is an important part of childhood. It helps us to build friendships, develop confidence, manage our feelings, become more independent and learn new skills.

As a school, we recognise that every child is different. We all enjoy different types of play, and there is no single right way to play. Through OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning), we aim to provide exciting, inclusive and meaningful opportunities for everyone to enjoy our outdoor spaces.

Our right to play is protected by **Article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.**

Our Rights

At The Rowans, we have the right to:

- **Choose our play** – We can decide what we play, who we play with and how we use our time.
- **Have time and space to play** – We deserve time to relax, have fun and enjoy playing with others.
- **Explore and be adventurous** – We can try new things, challenge ourselves, get messy and learn through experience, with support from adults to help keep us safe.
- **Enjoy different types of play** – We can play actively or quietly, on our own or with others, using our imagination and creativity.
- **Explore the outdoors** – We can enjoy nature, discover our environment and explore different spaces and resources.
- **Feel included and accepted** – We all belong, and everyone has the chance to join in and enjoy play in their own way.
- **Receive support when we need it** – Trusted adults are here to help us feel safe, solve problems and enjoy our play.
- **Have our voices heard** – Our ideas, choices and suggestions help shape our playtimes.

Our Responsibilities

We all have a responsibility to help make playtime enjoyable for everyone. We will try our best to:

- Be kind, caring and respectful.
- Share equipment and resources fairly.
- Look after our outdoor spaces and play equipment.
- Include others and welcome people who would like to join in.
- Respect other people's choices and different ways of playing.
- Take care of ourselves and others.
- Try new things, challenge ourselves and learn from our experiences.
- Ask a trusted adult for help when we need it.
- Listen to each other and work together to solve problems.
- Help keep our play environment safe while allowing everyone the freedom to explore.





Our Adults' Promise

The adults at The Rowans promise to:

- Protect every child's right to play.
- Provide time, space, resources and opportunities for exciting outdoor play.

- Encourage children to be independent, creative and adventurous.
- Support children to manage risks safely and develop confidence.
- Help everyone feel welcome, included and valued.
- Listen to children's ideas and use their voices to improve playtimes.
- Offer support when children need help with friendships, feelings or challenges.
- Respect children's play, stepping in when needed while allowing them the freedom to lead their own play.

Our Rowans Values in Play

Kindness – We care about each other, include others and treat everyone with respect.

Resilience – We try new things, face challenges, solve problems and learn from our experiences.

Commitment – We look after our play spaces, respect our resources and help make playtime enjoyable for everyone.

Our Promise to Each Other

At The Rowans, we have the right to play and the responsibility to help everyone enjoy it.

Together, we will make our outdoor spaces places where we can play, explore, imagine, discover, grow and belong.