

Play Sufficiency Assessment Toolkit – Tool 11

This tool provides a list of questions which may be used to gather information and views of parents on play opportunities. Local authorities may wish to add questions to ascertain the child's age and other information useful as part of the Play Sufficiency Assessment. Consideration should be given to the design of the survey so that parents can provide information for more than one child.

Surveying parents

Using questions from the Play Satisfaction survey may provide further evidence about how parents and caregivers view play. These might be asked via a web-based survey, in small meetings with parents, or as short polls on social media.

Where is your child/children's favourite place to play?

- Our house or a family / friend's house
- Our garden or a family / friend's garden
- Street near our house
- Local grassy area
- Place with trees, bushes and flowers
- Play area with swings, slides and other equipment to play on
- Woods near our home
- Place with water or sand
- Bike or skate park
- Community centre or leisure centre
- Youth club
- After school club
- Adventure playground
- Playscheme
- Indoor play centre
- Football field
- School playground

How does your child tell you playing makes them feel?

- Happy
- Sad
- Free
- Active
- Clever
- Funny

How often do(es) your child/children play or hang out with friends or family outside of school?

- Every day
- Most days
- A few days each week
- A few days each month / hardly ever
- They don't play or hang out with friends outside

What stops your child/children from playing outside (tick all that apply)?

- Too many parked cars on the road
- Too many fast cars
- I don't let them play outside on their own
- Not enough time (busy doing other things)
- Some adults don't like children playing
- No one to play with
- Can't get to their favourite place to play
- Too much rubbish
- Access to play space
- Distance to play space
- Using electronic devices
- Other

To what extent do you agree that playing is good for your child/children's health and happiness?

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Unsure