

Take your school to new heights



Play is fundamental to the development of pupils' physical and mental health. Free, outdoor play boosts learning, concentration, physical literacy, creativity, resilience, confidence and social skills.

There has been a huge decline in public playgrounds in recent years and the 'pull' indoors from screens means that, for many children, school playgrounds represent their only opportunity for outdoor play.

With 1 in 3 children overweight or obese by year 6 and child mental health problems at record levels, high-quality outdoor play equipment in schools is now more important than ever.

Association of Play Industries (API) members can ensure your play areas are the rich and stimulating outdoor learning environment your pupils deserve.

- **66% of parents said that outdoor play facilities are important when choosing their child's school**
- **Almost one third said they rely on school playgrounds to get their children active**

Survey of 1,111 UK Mumsnet users with a child aged between 2 and 12 between 21 March and 02 April 2019.

Love play with API

School playgrounds help to give children a lifelong love of play. Choosing the right play environment for your school is a significant decision so it's essential you get it right when choosing a provider.

As the UK's leading play companies, API members are:

- Reliable, trustworthy and financially sound. They operate to the highest standards.
- Credible. They are backed by the API's Professional Code of Conduct.
- Experienced. They will provide evidence of previous work and references.
- Innovative. The API Charter ensures they design exceptional, high-quality play spaces for children of all ages and abilities.

Let us help

For advice on planning improvements to school playgrounds and outdoor facilities we're here to help.

