# Bringing your dreams to life



"I've recommended OPP to so many people. Not only are they lovely to work with, but you're getting something that is going to last for many years to come, and for lots of children to enjoy."

Nicola Gordon, Celtic Cross Education









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## FREE DESIGN & CONSULTATION SERVICE!

Talk directly to playground designers with decades of experience and bring your play area to life. We can provide you with a clear quotation, 2D scale layout plans, artist impressions, 3D CAD Visuals and photographs of equipment you may be interested in, ensuring you get exactly what you need.

"The design relates to us and that's all we really wanted." Jan Raymont, Trevean Holiday Park







"I had a little bit of a vision. I met with Cathy and she took on board the atmosphere, what the children required and then came back with some great designs." Nicola Gordon, Celtic Cross Education

"Cathy came up with some great ideas then sent me some proposals. In all honesty it was better than I really ever thought it was going to be. It's superb." Keith Southwell, Lappa Valley Railway



**ARTIST IMPRESSIONS** 

### **Our Process**

From zero to hero in 4 fun steps!

### **Consult - FREE**

You know what your school needs but you need someone to make it work and make it happen for you. Never fear, that's our job. We love to help so give us a ring or drop us an email and lets chat!

### Design - FREE

It is highly likely we have something in our extensive range that is already perfect for your needs, but if you're in need of a bespoke approach...we've got this!

### **Discuss - FREE**

We have sent you a quotation and design - you may love it, you may want changes, and that's why this part of the process is so important. Those last tweaks really make it YOURS. We want your outdoor learning environment to make you smile for years to come.

#### Make it happen

This is the really exciting bit! Design and price agreed, it's time to make it happen! Our fantastic in house team manufacture 95% of our equipment. Our own highly experienced and caring team carry out the most exciting part - the final install.

#### **Aftersales**

We are very proud of our products and expect them to last a very long time so if you have any issues with your equipment, you're in safe hands.



"We love it, the children love it, it's just amazing, we are so happy." Jen Merrikin, Trenance Nursery









## **OUTDOOR LEARNING STRUCTURES**





As you know, your school is unique, there is no other school just like yours. The same applies when building outdoor learning environments - there is no 'one size fits all'. It requires a holistic approach, taking the location, the staff and the children's needs in to consideration...that's how we work!





"The site was kept amazingly tidy, the equipment was installed in time and we are just delighted with it. You can just see that it's going to last the distance." Jan Raymont, Trevean Holiday Park

# ECO-MUSIC - CHIMES, DRUMS & BELLS ...MUSIC TO OUR EARS



# PLAY PANELS - MAKING MAXIMUM USE OF SMALL SPACES & WALLS

that then











### A FEW EXAMPLES OF BESPOKE ROLE PLAY DESIGNS

"We are thrilled with our new play area and have already seen the impact it is having on the children's social skills, physical development and imaginative play. The design process was great as our needs were really taken into account but also kept to budget." Carolyn Power, Archbishop Benson School

### **ROLE PLAY CUPBOARDS - BUILT TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS**







## HOW TO TRANSFORM YOUR SCHOOL'S OUTDOOR SPACE

I had this strip of fencing that was in desperate need of attention for months. I kept on propping it up with bits of wood, tying it with string and trying to make it last. My plan was to replace the fencing myself, at some vague point in the future when I'd magically find the time. The gates needed moving too. Why they were set up that way, I'll never know! It's never worked and made day-to-day life way more difficult than it needed to be.

I finally realised we were never going to get around to doing it ourselves so I asked a few contractors to come in and take a look. Some quotes were very cheap, I was sorely tempted! But that's what created this problem in the first place. My original fence posts were cheap. And look at the state of them now. Flimsy materials, untreated timber...yep! Within 3 years, I'd be in the same boat again. We all know the saying 'buy cheap, buy twice' but sometimes it is SO tempting just to get the problem sorted right now.

So I got some other contractors in and asked them in-depth questions about the materials they were using, knowing that was where I'd find the answers. Luckily, because of what we do here at Outdoor Play People, I know where to get really good timber that's received a long-lasting treatment. I sourced the materials myself and got a contractor to install everything at home for me.







It cost me more than I had hoped but every time I see that outdoor space at home, I smile! I smile because it looks smart. I smile because I now have something that works & flows well. I know it will last and I smile because I know that future budgets can be spent on improving everything else, instead of re-doing this (again) within 20 years.

Why am I telling you this?

Well, we have so many schools who come to us, because their outdoor space is littered with items they bought with the best of intentions – but just haven't stood the test of time. They're desperate for an inspiring learning space for the children, rather than a tired outdoor area.

But I understand what it's like to work in education!

It's one thing knowing what you want to achieve. Seeing that inspiring space & watching the children play in your mind's eye. Knowing how much the children's parents will value it. But you're just so busy, you never seem to get that opportunity to sit down and work out exactly what you need.

### And that's where we can help you!

We would love to help you in the same way we have Bishop Bronescombe School in St Austell. Bishop Bronescombe have over 350 children in the school & their equipment is used all day, every day. We've worked with them over the last 5 years on various projects. They wanted a new multi-activity play ship for the KS2 area, incorporating an embankment that was previously dead space. So that's where we started! Once that was in place, we created a baby version too, for their KS1 area. Then we created bespoke role play cupboards, a stage, shelter, barrier fence and storage & play buildings, to make the very most of their whole school grounds.







Your chosen equipment can be natural in appearance, brightly coloured, or even themed! Choose from our existing range or ask us to create something unique for you, to match your wish list and budget.





JUST A FEW OF THE PROJECTS WE'VE COMPLETED AT BISHOP BRONESCOMBE SCHOOL

One of the main benefits they found from working with us was the maintenance side. As I say, their equipment gets heavy use – and they have peace of mind that if there are any issues, we simply deal with them. You've got enough to maintain and worry about throughout the school!

Outdoor equipment purchased from us is made with lots of love and care, using high-quality materials at a sensible price. It's all made to your bespoke requirements by our team in St Columb, who deeply care about our customers and truly stand by every single piece of equipment we make for you.

We have decades of design, manufacture & installation experience here at Outdoor Play People and we're SO particular about the materials we use for you, because we know what happens when sub-standard materials are used.

If you're looking for fresh inspiration for your outdoor learning and outdoor active areas – just like Bishop Bronescombe School – we'd love to have a chat! We love just bouncing ideas around and coming up with brilliant new ideas with you (seriously, it's the best part of the whole process for me). You know your school and your job far better than we ever will – so we're here to listen and create the perfect bespoke solution for you.

To find out more give our team a call on 01637 705 038 today.

We'd love to help you transform YOUR outdoor space, so you and your whole school smile every time you look at it too!

Until next time, Cathy

## LOOK WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS HAVE TO SAY ...





"When I think of Outdoor Play People I think of robust, creative, hard wearing equipment that fits in with the environment around it. Some of the equipment is constructed before it reaches site so that cuts down on the time they need to install." Nicola Gordon, Celtic Cross Education

"What I have been really impressed with is not just the quality of the equipment, but the aftercare as well. They've always made sure they left the area clean and tidy, you would never know they'd been there. The finished product, we as a Town Council are immensely proud of and I'm sure that those who construct it and install it are immensely proud of it too; and so they should be!"

Paul Wills, Mayor of St Columb Town Council

"We naturally only went to the one place in Cornwall that we would go to, and that's Outdoor Play People. The feedback has been absolutely superb and the children seem to really love it."

Keith Southwell, Lappa Valley Railway



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