

advisory visit



Could an Advisory Visit kick-start change at your setting?

Sometimes, the biggest impacts on outcomes for children are found in the most unexpected spaces and places

An advisory visit provides focuses on the way your outdoor spaces could be used, resourced and managed. Our expertise in designing innovative outdoor play spaces is combined with many years' experience of helping practitioners enrich their curriculum with an outstanding outdoor environment. We use this expertise to help you establish what the potential of your site is – and where there might be room for improvement.

We offer two levels of on-site consultation:

Advisory Visit

A 2 - 3 hour visit to your setting will help you focus your thinking and provide additional insight into the potential for high quality outdoor learning. Over 25+ years, we've visited hundreds of settings and schools so we've seen thousands of examples of innovative and exciting outdoor practice and can use that knowledge, in conversation with you, to establish how best to move forward.

We'll follow up our visit with an email containing suggested reading and further research, and relevant learning resources or advice sheets that we discussed at the visit.

Advisory Visit +

The 3-stage Advisory Visit + offers excellent value for money. We begin the process with a short self-assessment audit, which we email to you beforehand. The audit includes questions about the character of your grounds, how they are used and by whom, and how they are cared for. We ask you to complete the audit and return it to us before we visit you - by analysing your responses, we can start thinking about where your development priorities might lie.

As with a standard Advisory Visit, we'll tour your outdoor spaces, explore the role they play in the setting's everyday life and observe children outdoors. Together we'll review your self-assessment audit and your school improvement plan. If possible, we'll examine your medium term curriculum themes. This helps us build a mosaic of realistic options for improvement outdoors, based on what's needed and will have an impact. Making use of your expert understanding of your school and its community, we'll work together to identify key areas for change, whether your motivation is making changes to the way you use or manage outdoors, or making physical improvements to the space.

Afterwards, we'll send you an illustrated report summarising current use, resourcing and practice; the key points we discussed at the visit; recommendations for change and suggested reading / research. This report could form the basis for an action plan for improvements that will have a positive impact on children's experiences at your school.

Book a visit now

To discuss your requirements and book a date, please call 01962 735363 or email enquiries@playlearninglife.org.uk

Advisory visit	£350*
Advisory Visit +	£495*

*Costs include 100 miles / 2 hours travel time. Significantly greater distances will incur additional costs, which we do make every effort to minimise.



Lisa W, Nursery Teacher:

"Play Learning Life worked with us over several sessions and not only did we end up with some really fantastic, new outdoor spaces but also a team of staff who were energised and engaged and up for outdoor learning. It's fantastic to see how the children are now learning outside in all weathers in all sorts of ways!"