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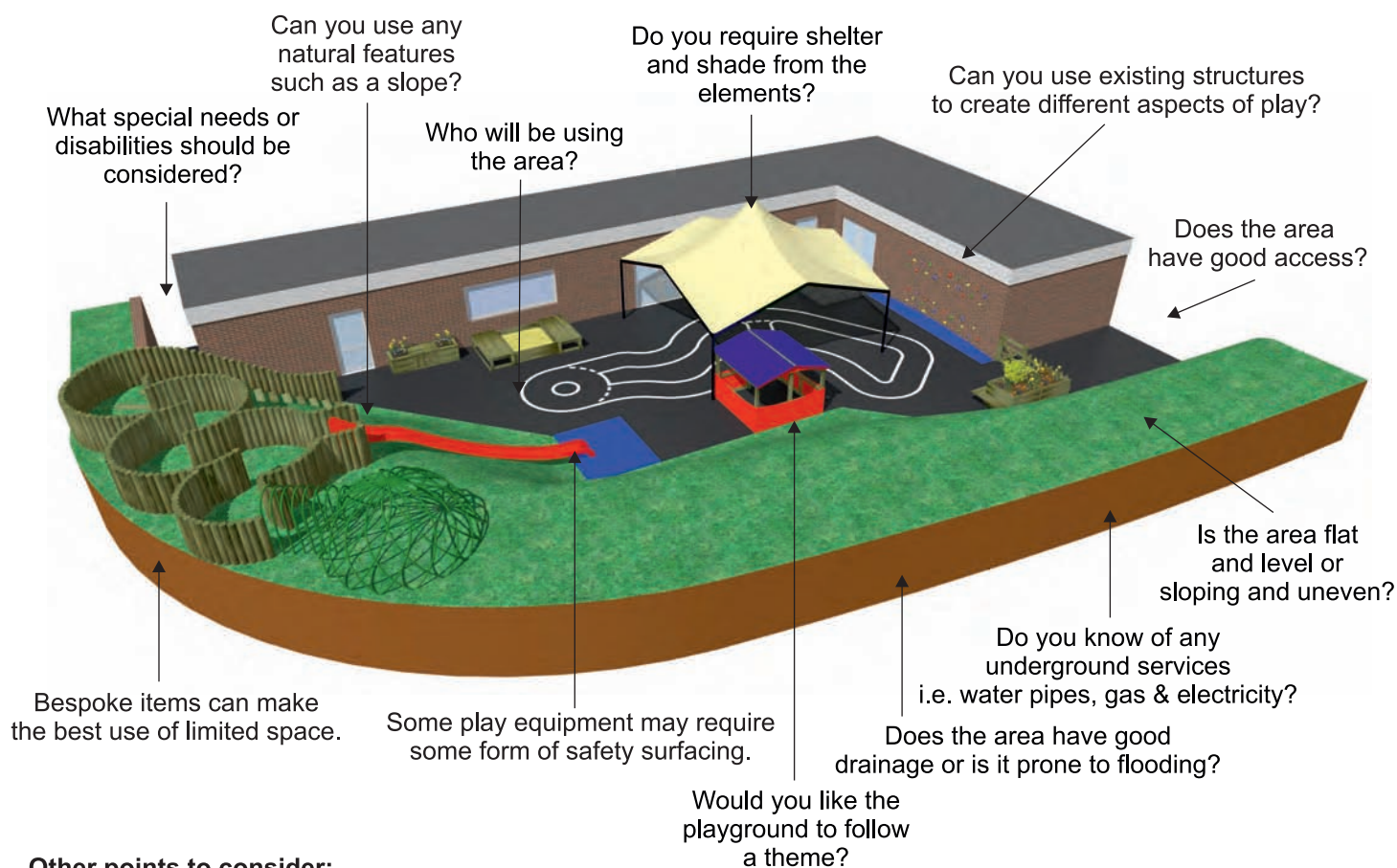
Schoolscapes not only understand the value of play and the importance of inclusive design, but we also understand the right to play. We believe in making the development or improvement of your outdoor play areas as simple and straightforward - and, of course, fun! - as possible.

Before you commission your play area, and to get the best from your area, it is a good idea to get input from an experienced play designer.

Schoolscapes can help you every step of the way, ensuring your play area is an engaging and fun play scape.

Even if you are only making small changes to a playground or perhaps you are considering a complete redevelopment of the whole school grounds this simple guide should help. Below is a basic diagram of a school playground, around this diagram are some considerations which you may need to think about when designing your area.

It is best to think about these before you contact a play equipment company so that you can give them a clear 'brief' of your requirements.



Other points to consider:

- What size space is available?
- What age range will be using the area- 0-3years, 3-6years, 6-12years or 12+ years?
- Is the area to be used by more than one age group?
- What types of play would you like to include? (E.g. free play, activities, imaginative, sensory, etc)
- Is there any existing equipment to be retained or removed?
- Is your budget for the playground already in place?
- If you currently have no funding do you know how you will fund the project?

Why not create a wish list of all of the items that you are interested in from the catalogue, write the list out in order of priority. At this stage you might like to involve the children who will eventually be using the playground, get their opinions on how they like to play and what they would like to have in the playground.

When choosing your play equipment remember that some items will require safety surfacing which, in some cases, can increase the overall cost considerably. Also if you are considering some form of outdoor classroom or shelter be aware that some structures may require planning permission.

If you need any further help and advice regarding playground equipment don't hesitate to contact us, we are more than happy to help.

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Our Services:

Schoolscapes offer a complete playground design and installation service, we are able to meet all your needs under one roof. Our sales personnel are trained to provide in-depth help and advice on all aspects of playground provision and associated services. Our playground design, site survey and quotation service is FREE. Each of our play areas is unique. The creation of inspirational play areas that challenge, stimulate and satisfy a range of children's needs requires experience and Schoolscapes will ensure you get the best from your new play space. The design process starts with close consultation with you, our client, and whenever possible the children themselves to ensure that they get the most fun, play and learning opportunities from any given area. Covering everything from an initial site visit, creating a brief, detailed 3D design, and construction through to aftercare and maintenance guidance, we project manage the whole process so that it's as stress and hassle free for you as possible. All Installation quotations are accompanied by a colour presentation and plan view of the playground design, enabling clients to fully envisage the final scheme. Nothing makes us happier than providing children with more creative play opportunities, healthy challenges and most of all great fun!

Consultation

On first contact we can arrange a **free consultation** with a highly experienced and professional playground consultant. The consultant will visit your site, discuss your ideas and understand the goals that lie at the heart of your project.

We feel the first and most important step in the process is to listen fully to your requirements. Only then can we formulate a detailed plan which forms the core of your new play area design.

Design



Are you are faced with the problem of limited space? Do you have wide ranging needs?

The Schoolscapes design team have worked on thousands of projects and can work with you to find the best solution to suit your requirements.

After the initial consultation, and once we have a clear idea of what you want us to build and your budget, our team sets out to produce a design that will give you the unique, fun and exciting play area you desire which provides the maximum play value.

Our team of skilled and creative playground designers will then turn your idea into a beautiful, vibrant plan that is tailored to your playground project's needs. For large or complex projects we create superb quality 3D plans, which provide a wonderful visual representation of how your new playground will look.

We are not only highly creative, we are totally practical too and will make use of the site's natural elements including the landform and other natural features.

One of the issues we are all faced with when designing playgrounds is to provide challenging and fun activities while also providing for the safety of the children using the playground. Our design team are trained in the design and construction of safe play environments that provide age-appropriate challenges and play experiences for children.

We can also incorporate accessories (eg. access ramps), and equipment for children with disabilities, ensuring that all children can be involved and enjoy the completed playground design.

Once completed, your bespoke playground plans, along with detailed quote, will be sent for your approval. All consultation, planning and design work, and any amendments required to the designs, are entirely free of charge.

Installation



We have highly trained CSCS and CRB checked installation teams based across the UK, who work closely with our operations team to ensure your installation progresses as planned, with minimal disruption to your usual activities. To make sure that children can play safely on the playground equipment we provide, our trained and qualified installation teams will ensure your play area conforms to all relevant standards, especially EN1176/77.

On completion of your playground installation, you will be issued with a Certificate of Practical Completion. You will be asked to walk-through with the installer to determine that the play area is safe to use and be able to 'sign-off' the work.

For further information please contact us on Tel: 01208 816620

Case Studies: Parks

Triple T Play Park



In progress pictures

Project: Triple T Play Park, Truro Playbuilder

Date: November 2010

Brief: The concept of the playbuilder project was to create a space that would unite and entertain a wide variety of age groups in the most organic way possible. By using existing landforms and utilising the natural holistic layout we have successfully impacted on the community, reducing levels of vandalism and increasing social interaction with an all accessible and well thought out play area.



Design elevation

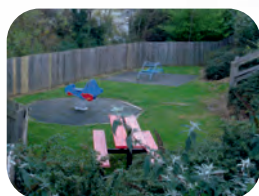


Photo before

Harrowbarrow & Metherell Woodlands Park & Play Area



Photo after: Junior Play Area



Photo after: Infant Play Area



Photo before: Junior Play Area



Photo before: Infant Play Area

Project: Harrowbarrow & Metherell Woodlands Park & Play Area

Date: March 2010

Brief: The idea at Harrowbarrow was to be sympathetic to the rural location but provide the village with a much needed adventure play area for juniors through to teenagers, including high level platforms, zip wires and extensive physical play opportunities. The infant area was produced to allow the same thrills for younger participants to enjoy; incorporating simple towers, swings and play trail elements with the same emphasis on natural materials.

Case Studies: Schools

Belgrave Primary School

Project: Belgrave Primary School

Date: September 2009

Brief: The idea at Belgrave is a vibrant and interactive learning space, converting a disused and once perceived unusable space into an interactive and tactile habitat for young learners. There is a bounty of sensory learning with musical instruments and a strong use of natural themes. Although some synthetic products have been used our aim was to keep everything natural, lasting and constantly useable all year round.



Photo before



Photos after

Stoughton Infants School

Project: Stoughton Infants School

Date: April 2010

Brief: The design brief at Stoughton was to create a physical and imaginative play area out of an unused grass and tarmac area. The plan involved three zones: the main front area complete with a new rubber crumb surface, the play trail utilising landforms and an existing tree, and area three which comprised of a story telling area with a carved dragon seat.



Photo before



Photos after