

# naturalplay

As technology continues to create a more insular society and the health of our children is of increasing concern, the need for safe, appealing and stimulating play areas has never been more important. The resources they deliver, alongside opportunities for interaction, are critical to the development of both a child's physical and social skills. These environments also provide an important meeting point for parents and carers and create a communal area that often becomes the focal point of the community.

Experience has taught us how to deliver a fine balance in the way that play areas are both designed and constructed; play areas need to reflect the needs of the children, their carers and be in keeping with their environment. At **tcl** we pride ourselves on the way in which our landscape designers and architects intuitively design sensational play areas; harmonising the urban or rural location with the range of play equipment chosen and blending with the surrounding landscape.

Initially the **tcl** team will look to create a design which will be stimulating and fulfil the child's instinctive play behaviours including digging, splashing, climbing, running and jumping. It will be 'natural' and offer an exciting balance between safety and enjoyment. Working closely with the client, and aligned to a pre-established budget, the **tcl** team will build design scenarios that will fuse natural products with equipment options from a number of manufacturers' portfolios. Using trees and hedges we will create natural boundaries, shelter belts and sustainable areas for wildlife. Logs, boulders and tunnels offer places to jump from, sit on and hide in with sand and bark providing the ideal flooring solution to artificial safety surfaces in a natural environment.

The end result will be a multi-tiered, interactive environment that fulfils every aspect of our client's brief, complies with the budgetary brief and, most importantly, fits within the environment in which it is being built.

## naturalplay from tcl offers:

- Exceptional standards of support and advice on all aspects of natural play, sustainability and environmental issues
- Design of play areas with particular focus on inclusion, accessibility, sustainability and the surrounding environment
- The proven ability to create flexible, stimulating environments that range from dynamic and challenging to warm and welcoming
- People who are passionate about developing environments that stimulate community pride and support regeneration
- An experienced team, trained to select, design and install safe play surfaces to meet national standards
- Provision of comprehensive maintenance and upkeep programmes

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