IMAGINATION IS A CHILD’S WINDOW TO THE WORLD...

A child opens a gift, ignores the toy, and plays with the box. It may baffle parents but it’s no mystery to us. Play is not and should not be prescriptive. You’ll find that our play areas are places that engage young imaginations... places where exciting new adventures happen every day.

So you’re embarking on a new play area development - fantastic, you’ve come to the right people. There’s a lot we’d like to tell you about - you face an important decision in selecting your preferred play specialist.

Enjoy our brochure, visit our website, and call us to come and meet you!

Trust us to be your playground partner
What you need is an exceptionally creative and talented playground partner with an impeccable track record and scruples to match - well look no further!

For the past two decades Pennine Playgrounds has been working hand in hand with local authorities, schools and contractors, to create fun, developmental play areas all over the UK.

Our clients keep coming back to us because we’ve produced some simply fabulous schemes but just as importantly, we’ve looked after them - they trust us and rely on us to spend their budgets wisely.

What exactly do we do?
Everything to do with play! We’re an independent company - the world’s our oyster when it comes to the range of kit we can source for you. We do have a core group of leading manufacturers that we enjoy working with because their ethos and standards reflect our own.

DELIVERING THE COMPLETE DESIGN AND BUILD PLAYGROUND SOLUTION
ENGAGING YOUNG IMAGINATIONS!

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The consultation period is just as important as the final build. We’ll need to arrange a site visit and pencil in our first design meeting together. You and our designer have a lot to talk about!

As you outline your ideal timescales, your objectives and your budget, we’ll take notes. Then we’ll show you the possibilities and chat through ideas together. At this point, it’s back to HQ to draft up our first proposal with detailed costings.

There are many factors that will help steer us in our design process. We have a clear understanding of the objectives set out in the Early Years Foundation as well as the curriculum for Key Stage 1 and 2 children.

The benefits that well designed outdoor areas bring are untold in terms of physical and emotional development.

“Play provision is first and foremost for children, and if it is not exciting and attractive to them then it will fail, no matter how safe it is.”

*Play England*
PLAYGROUND BUILD

Once you’ve approved your playground design, it’s over to Team Pennine, our in-house installation team. Everybody, without exception, is CRB checked to an enhanced level, fully referenced and fully trained by our own Training Department. We know our people very well - it’s important - they will be working closely with you and your children.

Before you meet them, we’ll brief them thoroughly on your plans so that, should a variation arise on site, work won’t grind to a halt. They’ll use their experience and initiative to come up with a clever workaround. What more can we say about our people? They’re good. So good, in fact, that one of our clients recently honoured them with the title of “best contractor on site ever”!

“We’re the people who installed the play area at Chatsworth House and we’re the people whose work has appeared on Channel 4’s Grand Designs.”
Bringing the classroom outdoors

Children need to be able to create new adventures and challenges in their play areas many times a day - it really can’t afford to be a lacklustre space.

Our designs include:
• Natural play with boulders and logs for exciting exploration
• Log seating and dens, planters and pergolas
• Cycle tracks with humps and bumps
• Staged decking for music and movement
• Shelters and outdoor classrooms

Remember when we were young? We had the freedom to explore the whole neighbourhood. Playgrounds didn’t need to work so hard.

Today’s society dictates that kids live more cosseted lives. We have to provide them with safe areas to play. The danger is that they become so safe they restrict our children’s development.

We create play areas that are safe and welcoming, yet stimulate imaginations, giving the children ample opportunities to test themselves, building their confidence and encouraging social interaction.

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PLAY EQUIPMENT

With so many play manufacturers to choose from, where do you start in deciding which kit to include? As a portfolio company, we specialise in doing the research for you - we know what works and what doesn’t. So, the world’s your oyster - here are a few ideas to get things in motion.

Have a look at our website for a more detailed look at our ranges, or contact the sales and design office and we’ll come out and talk through what would work best for you and your site.

OUR PORTFOLIO INCLUDES:
• Play equipment
• Fitness and trim trails
• Shelters and shade sails
• Flexiplay™ safety surfacing
• Linemarkings
• And all the finishing touches - seating, fencing, landscaping

“Just imagine... enhancing our children’s social and physical development through play.”
THE PENNINE SCHOOLS CLIMBER

AGE RANGE: 3 TO 9

This is truly a major success story! We designed this Climber with the Outdoor Advisor for Early Years for Manchester LEA some 14 years ago - we have now incorporated over 200 of these units into our play schemes across the North of England – and it’s still going strong. It meets the demands of up to 15 under 7’s at any one time. It’s versatile, offering scope for variations in the physical challenges – there are detachable components which can be introduced to suit the age and agility range of your group.

Karen Morris of North Cheshire Jewish Primary had already experienced the benefits of the Pennine Climber at her previous school, and was involved in selecting a unit for her new school. She commented:

“No other climbing frame is quite good enough - there’s no maintenance, no splinters, it’s vandal proof - it makes sense. It’s more interesting than other units - lots of others are just walk on and off and don’t need any stamina. We did contemplate a trim trail but didn’t feel it gave the active elements.”

Incidentally, we should also share her comments about our service when we asked how we had fared - “It was absolutely brilliant”.

“Nothing else matches up to it.”

Karen Morris of North Cheshire Jewish Primary
NOAH’S ARK

What adventures will unfold as the intrepid young travellers set off on their exploration. Who will they meet on their journey, what stories will evolve - unleash their imaginations and let their story telling begin. Recently installed at Parkwood Primary School, Headteacher Julie Butler commented, “It has to be seen to be really appreciated! Children from Nursery to Year 6 all love to play aboard the ark which has also doubled as a pirate and viking ship.”

AGE RANGE: UP TO 12

ROLE PLAY

Take a magical journey on a plane, train or even a pirate ship! The play possibilities are endless with hours of interactive fun.

AGE RANGE: 2 TO 6

NATURAL TIMBER UNITS

Our portfolio features over 100 timber activity units, ranging from robust, rustic log activity units through to contemporary units, swings, outdoor classrooms and playhouses.

AGE RANGE: 3 TO 12

TO SEE OUR FULL PRODUCT RANGE VISIT:
TRIM TRAIL
AGE RANGES: UP TO 12
Timber fitness and trim trails are always very popular additions to any play area. Firstly, they can be phased in as budgets allow, and secondly, they can be sited either to provide a continuous play circuit, or can be installed across a large expanse of grass to provide additional exercise and challenges.
Safety surfacing is not mandatory for all items below 0.6m critical fall height which enables those seeking a low budget activity trail to maximise the range of trim trail installed into their play area.

CHALLENGE!
AGE RANGE: 3 TO 12
Seriously robust, low maintenance steel and aluminium play activity units offer flexible, physical play with kit available for all age ranges. Futuristic designs as well as traditional play frames, swings, roundabouts are featured in our vast portfolio.

SAND & WATER PLAY
AGE RANGE: 1 TO 5
Water and sand play will enhance any play area, with a huge choice of play features including sandboxes and pits as well as water fountains, waterfalls, taps and tables.

SPACE NETS
AGE RANGE: 3 UPWARDS
An immediate magnet for all explorers - old and young. The children’s mission is to weave their way through the net, negotiating the twists and turns and challenging their balance, co-ordination and dexterity. The complete sense of achievement when they have conquered their mission is overwhelming and exhilarating!

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WETPOUR

With over 20 years of experience in all play area safety surfacing options, we have designed our own unique wet pour system - FLEXIPLAY™.

In an ever competitive market, our premium brand Flexiplay™ offers uncompromising quality to ensure longevity of use, whilst being very favourably priced.

Our fully CRB checked and trained wetpour specialists will install your Flexiplay™ wet pour surfacing, with vibrant colours through to natural blends to provide the perfect safety surfacing solution.

Flexi by Name, Flexi by Nature

It’s not just a safety surface! Flexiplay™ can substitute tarmac to provide a visually tantalising area of fun with vibrant graphics.

- Flexiplay™ graphics bring an educational or themed dimension to the surface
- Mounds and hillocks can be sculptured with Flexiplay™ to create 3D challenges
- Golf Course high wear walkways can be transformed to comfortable, all weather Flexiplay™ paths
- Flexiplay™ paths will provide all inclusive access around play areas for wheelchairs, prams & pushchairs
- Hospital and Nursing Home outdoor Flexiplay™ path and recreational spaces offer additional protection to the elderly and infirm
- Flexiplay™ sports areas and multi use games areas offer high performance sports arenas
MAINTENANCE & INSPECTION

Having invested a considerable amount of time and effort, not to mention valuable funds into your play area, it is important to ensure that it stays in tip-top condition. Your play area will have been designed and installed in accordance with BSEN1176. The next step is to ensure that it is maintained in accordance with these standards.

Whilst it is the responsibility of the Owner/Operator to implement a safety management system for the playground, our After Sales Team can guide you through the requirements. We can offer various levels of help and support - from providing you with all the necessary documents, through to carrying out the various inspections and documentation on your behalf.

It is a bit like servicing your car - we can offer a simple MOT through to a full service and valet!

To receive further advice or for a copy of our Maintenance & Inspection booklet please contact our After Sales team.

“Here to help you every step of the way.”
Creating a play area doesn’t have to be a complicated affair! We will be with you all the way through our simple step-by-step process, which ensures your final playground lives up to and exceeds your expectations, with the minimum of fuss.

THE PERFECT PLAYGROUND DELIVERY,
FROM DESIGN CONSULTATION RIGHT THROUGH TO HANDOVER OF YOUR COMPLETED PLAY AREA...

At an initial consultation meeting, we’ll tour your site together - you can tell us what you’re hoping to achieve and we can share ideas.

We’ll draw up a proposal for you, including designs and a quotation.

We’ll meet again to draw up a work schedule and introduce you to who’s who on the project team.
Team Pennine will arrive on site and set out your playground design. Once you’ve approved the layout, they’ll start the installation and give you daily updates on their progress.

One month after completion we’ll give you a ring to see how things are going and, no doubt, you and your children will give us lots of positive feedback! After that, we’ll keep in touch from time to time to check everything’s ok.

Team Pennine will carry out any snags and handover your completed play area.

SO... JUST IMAGINE... THEIR FACES!

HERE TO HELP YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

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