

BRINGING NATURE AND PLAY INTO THE SCHOOL PLAY AREA



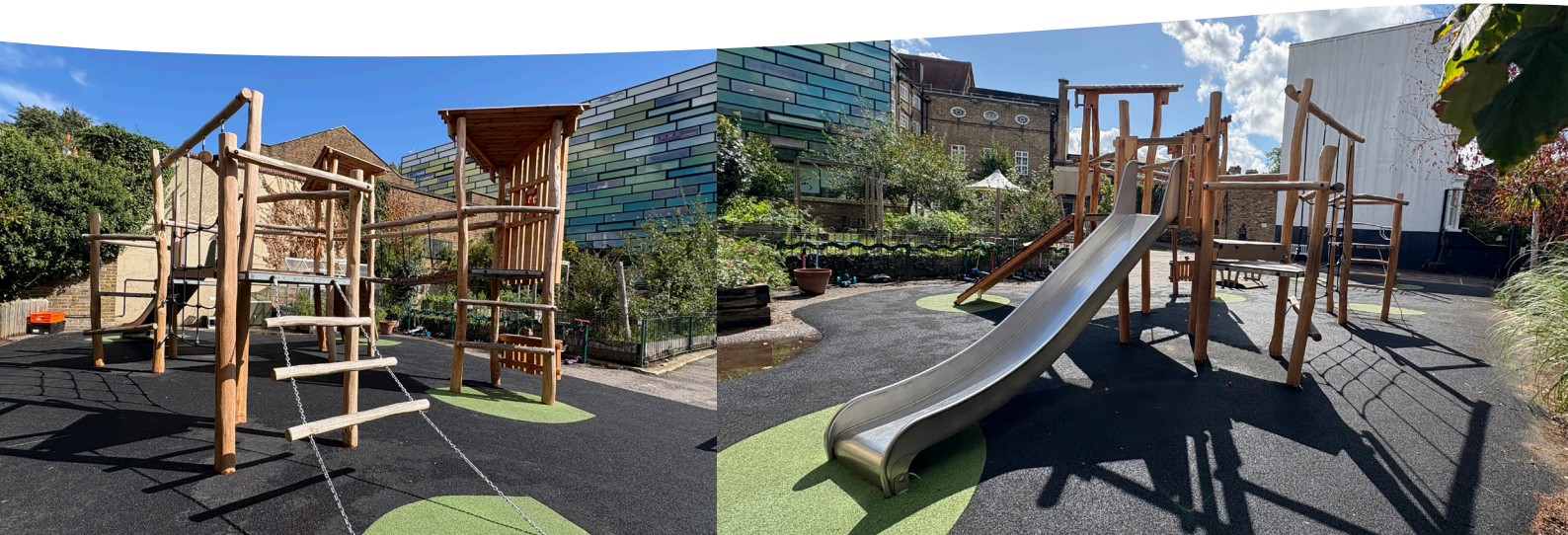
CLAPHAM MANOR PRIMARY PLAY AREA

Client:	Clapham Manor Primary
Address:	Belmont Rd, London SW4 0BZ
Budget:	£20,000
Age Range:	Toddler, Junior
Ranges:	Origin'
Surfacing:	Wetpour

Project Story: Clapham Manor Primary School, nestled on the edge of Clapham Common in Lambeth, has transformed its outdoor space with a brand-new Proludic play area designed to bring children closer to nature while encouraging active, imaginative play.

Working closely with the PTA, the school wanted to replace its outdated equipment with an exciting new play solution that would engage as many children as possible at one time and support a wide range of developmental needs.

Between the PTA, the school, and Proludic's design team a bespoke design emerged that maximised play capacity and variety.



One key practical challenge was managing drainage and surface water in an area with an existing wetpour footprint and drain cover. The solution involved carefully rerouting the drain cover and incorporating it seamlessly into the new layout, ensuring a safe and durable play environment.

At the heart of the new playground stands the **Origin' Robinia Multiplay Unit (J4947)** - a stunning timber structure offering 29 play functions and accommodating up to 34 children at once. Designed to encourage active, imaginative and cooperative play, it features slides, a tunnel, climbing wall, elevated playhouse, and wobbly walkways - all crafted from sustainable Robinia wood.



Complementing the main unit is the **Monkey Bars Wooden Trail (J4909)** - a horizontal ladder module made from Robinia and stainless steel that challenges balance, strength, and coordination for up to four children at a time.

The play area is finished with soft wetpour surfacing featuring a leaf design in places, blending safety with natural inspiration. Using **Robinia wood** throughout, the **Origin' range** recreates the feel of a forest trail, encouraging children to climb, balance and explore in a setting that blends seamlessly with the surrounding trees.

This transformation was made possible through a joint fundraising initiative between the PTA and the school budget, showcasing the strength of community partnership in delivering a lasting legacy for pupils.

Since installation, teachers have noted increased enthusiasm during playtimes, and pupils have shared their excitement about the new equipment. The project has been celebrated by the school community as a valuable investment in both fun and learning, creating a vibrant and inclusive play space that will inspire children for years to come.

“It's been fantastic to see how the new play area at Clapham Manor Primary School has completely revitalised the outdoor space. The natural Robinia structures not only blend beautifully with the surroundings but also inspire children to play, explore and connect with nature every day.”

Martin Marfé
Proludic Area Manager



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