

Client: RAFBF
Age range: Toddlers to Teenagers
Address: Faulder Avenue

Budget: £260,000
Opened: September 2012

"The Airplay project is something that I whole-heartedly support and I would like to personally thank the RAF Benevolent Fund and Community Covenant for making this possible. The playground is a testament to our great community because, not only will it make a positive difference to many children and parents, it will help build even stronger bonds between military and civilian families."

David Cameron (Prime Minister)



Challenge: Situated at the heart of the local community for families based at RAF Brize Norton - as well as those living in the local area in Carterton - Faulder Avenue was the ideal location for a destination playground that celebrated the area's RAF heritage. The project was an opportunity to bring local people together, helping to foster bonds between military and civilian families.

Solution: The team at Proludic, lead by National Sales Manager Rob Baker, knew it was essential to involve local children in the design process to ensure the play area reflected their needs. We used cutting edge augmented technology at consultation to engage with children - who got to decide what elements we would include.

For the scheme, Proludic created a Bespoke play structure based on the Hercules plane as the focal point. This unique item includes a fantastic range of inclusive play features including a pod swing, wheelchair accesible cockpit (with real life steering wheel and dials!), slides and sensory play panels. The surrounding landscape playfully replicates a runway, with giant "parachute" mounds and dynamic elements that mimic the sensation of flying. Adjusting the existing topography ensured the playground itself becomes a rich and challenging play experience for ALL abilities.

Results: Faulder Avenue Play Area has been transformed into a bright and welcoming play area that brings together the entire community. There are three key play zones catering for all ages from toddlers through to teenagers, offering an abundance of play value for everyone. The Bespoke design responds directly to the location, with the RAF heritage reflected throughout - in both the equipment and the landscaping.

