



# **Last One to the Woods.....**

## **Engaging Children with Nature**

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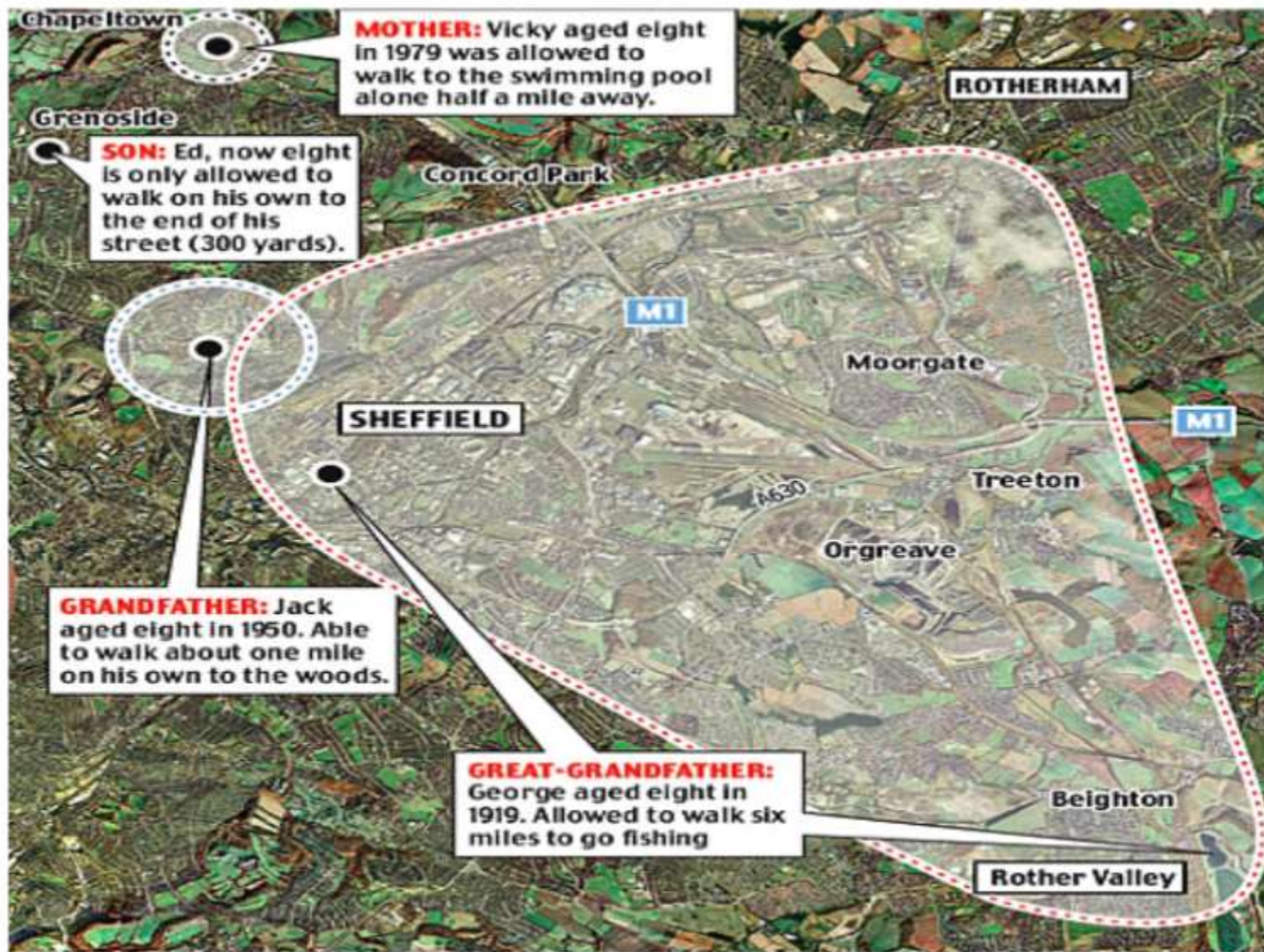
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#TPBE3

- Connection to nature
- 2 case studies ( FCS )
- Take home messages

# Play range over 90 years



Gill, 2009



	<b>UK Girls</b>	<b>UK boys</b>	<b>GB urban</b>	<b>GB Rural</b>
Average score	1.15	0.96	1.06	1.00
More than 1.5 or greater	27%	16%	21%	20%

RSPB, Interviews with 1088 8-12 year olds,  
2013



“the human costs of alienation from nature, among them: diminished use of the senses, attention difficulties, and higher rates of emotional and physical illnesses.”

Louv: Last Child in the Woods, 2005



## The 'old' playground

Groves and McNish, 2008





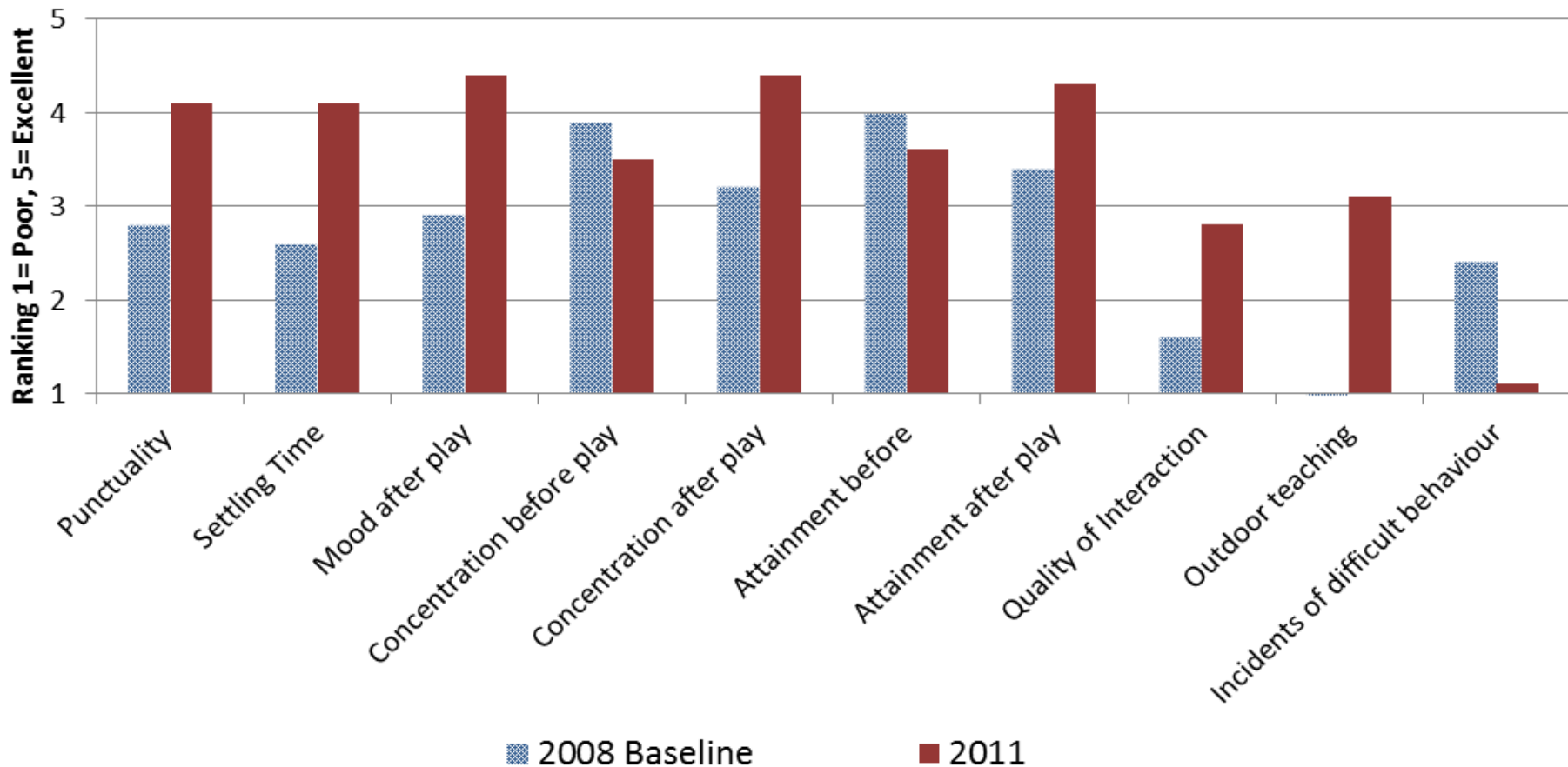
## 'New' playground: 'The Urban Jungle'

Groves and McNish, 2011





## Chart 5: Impact of natural play space on learning and classroom behaviour

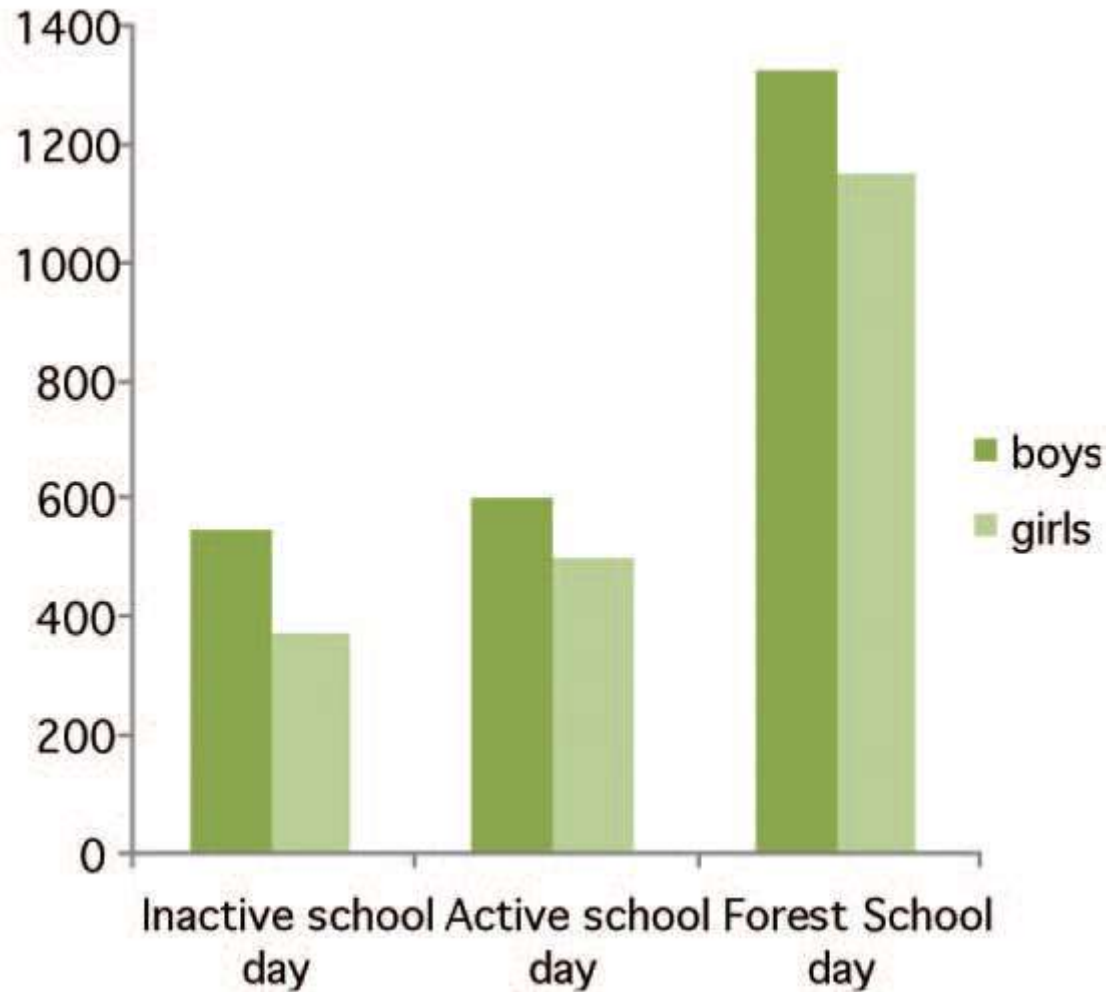


Groves and McNish 2011









Average levels  
of activity:  
normal, PE and  
Forest School

Lovell, 2009















- **Think 'nature' play** - School estate, local woods and greenspace landscape design
- **Help with sites** - Woodland owner/advisors
- **Role model** - As a professional you are a **role model** for children and young people

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