

Ravenside Pre-School

This play policy seeks to -

- **Promote the importance of play for all children.**
- **Recognise all children have a right to play.**
- **Enable all children in local communities to have equal access to good quality play opportunities.**

Objectives -

In our setting we will work in partnership to enable all children to have equal access to good quality play opportunities and services both indoors and outdoors to:

We will do this by -

- Promoting the development of inclusive play opportunities which take account of and respond to children's different abilities and needs, their age, gender, cultural and religious backgrounds, social, family, economic and environmental situations.
- Planning and developing play opportunities in consultation with children to meet their needs in our local community, making best use of available resources.
- Considering issues for both urban and rural areas, including new housing developments, environmental and road schemes as well as public facilities such as clinics, libraries and shopping areas.
- Working towards safer communities so that all children are able to play safely outdoors, and older children able to get around safely on their own.
- Encouraging our local schools to develop play opportunities for children in the nursery, classroom and playground and to maximise resources through the use of school premises by the community after school and during school holidays.
- Supporting the development of good play opportunities for children in strange surroundings e.g. hospital, or experiencing unusual or distressing circumstances.
- Ensuring that all children are respected and valued so that they can play free from racial or other types of discrimination or abuse.
- Ensuring that children are given appropriate adult time and attention during child centred play.

In our setting we will support the development of play opportunities and services that are safe, stimulating and appropriate for children's abilities, ages and stages of development to:

We will do this by -

- Ensuring that as a provider of play opportunities we operate to the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements and recognise good practice with clearly defined policies and procedures.
- Ensuring staff and volunteers working with children have appropriate training, knowledge and experience for their duties and responsibilities.
- Developing varied play opportunities which challenge and stimulate children's abilities but do not threaten their survival or well being.
- Ensuring that children and young people have the opportunity to play and take part in a range of activities where they can gain confidence and learn on their own terms.
- Supporting and encouraging children's own ideas and decisions about what they do and how they do it.
- Ensuring children are given opportunities to make choices within play to support their development.
- Supporting the development of good quality services through a range of flexible training opportunities for new and existing workers.

This policy will be monitored on an annual basis and reported on to parents and children annually.

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