

## Play Policy

Ysgol Llandrillo Yn Rhos Daycare is committed to ensuring that children have space and freedom to play. Play is a fundamental part of a healthy childhood and it is every child's right to be able to play.

We recognise and adopt the definition of play in Wales' National Play Policy (2002) as; "*children's behaviour which is freely chosen, personally directed and intrinsically motivated*". That is, it is what children do when they follow their own ideas for their own reasons.

We believe that ALL children have a right to sufficient time and space for playing as enshrined within article 31 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and further defined within General Comment 17.

At our setting we ensure that children have the TIME, SPACE and PERMISSION to play in order to secure rich play opportunities for all children in attendance. We also value the importance of partnership working with organisations and the local community to cultivate the conditions for play beyond our setting

We believe that, to support children's right to play is to provide a whole range of benefits to children, to deny that right can have serious implications for children and the wider community.

Finally, we are committed to securing sufficient opportunities for playing by;

- 1) Training staff in all aspect of play work
- 2) Identifying barriers to children's freely chosen play in the setting and working together to find ways to remove or reduce them
- 3) Ensuring there is space and resources
- 4) Provide waterproof clothing
- 5) Allowing the children to have outdoor access in all weathers
- 6) Work together with the children to risk benefit all activities