

Ysgol Cynfran's Play Policy

This is our school's play policy. It is here to remind us how important play is to everyone in our school. This policy will also help us to tell other people who visit our school how important play is to us.

At Ysgol Cynfran we believe play is important because it helps us to enjoy ourselves, to develop and to make friends. When we have the time, space and permission to play we learn a lot, we are more active and we can concentrate better in class. We also know that other people think play is really important:

The United Nation Convention of the Rights of the Child, Article 31 says that; "Children have the right to play and relax".

The Welsh Assembly Government say in their Play Policy that play is "critically important to all children".

This school believes that play should be free and controlled by children. Play should not be led by adults. Ysgol Cynfran knows that playing sometimes involves taking risks and we think our staff should allow children to do this. We agree with the Health and Safety Executive who say; *"Play is great for children's well-being and development. When planning and providing play opportunities, the goal is not to eliminate risk, but to weigh up the risks and benefits. No child will learn about risk if they are wrapped in cotton wool."*

In Ysgol Cynfran we try to give children the best playtimes possible by giving them junk materials to play with and listening to what they want from their playtime. We also make sure our staff have training so they can let us take risks and explore in our play. Because play is free and exciting it can sometimes get messy so we ask our parents and carers to give us the right clothes for the weather including sunhats, coats and wellies to play in.