

# Ysgol Sant Joseff



## Play Policy

This is our school's play policy (a policy is like a plan). 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 Sant Joseff we believe play is important because it helps us to:

- • • - Enjoy ourselves
- • • - To help us develop
- • • - Use our imagination
- • • - Explore our own ideas

When we have the time, space and permission to play we:

- • • - We have more fun
- • • - We are more active (move around more)
- • • - We share and help each other

We also know that other people think play is really important:

The Welsh Assembly Government say in their Play Policy that play is 'critically important to all children' The United Convention of the Rights of the Child, Article 31 says that; 'Children have the right to play and relax.'

In Ysgol St George we try to give children the best playtimes possible. Adults help children's play by:

- Giving children the freedom to play
- Giving children loose parts to play with how they choose
  - Listening to what children want from their playtime
- Staff learning how to let children take risks and explore in play
  - Staff only intervening only when necessary

This school believes that play should be free and controlled by children. Play should not be led by adults. Ysgol Sant Joseff knows that playing sometimes involves taking risks and we think our staff should allow children to do this and work together to give the same message to all children.