West Lothian

Play Action Plan



Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed

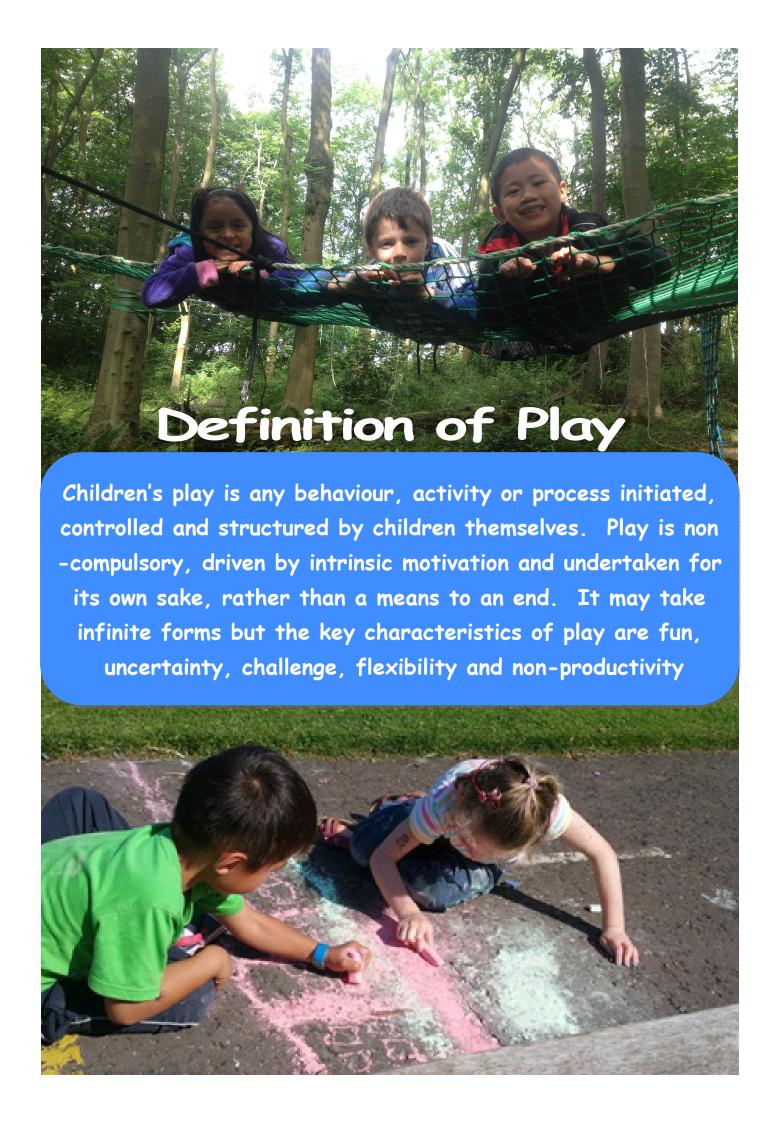
West Lothian is a place where play is valued as an essential, life enhancing daily experience for











OUR ACTIONS AND ASPIRATIONS

The reference to a child or children in the Action Plan is for any child between birth and 18 years old including those with a disability

- 1. We promote West Lothian, as a place that nurtures children through play.
- 2. We will create opportunities for play for every child, every day. Children playing within their community will always take precedence over adult led issues such as nuisance or noise.
- 3. We plan programmes for play within schools and communities that follow the Playwork Principles.
- 4. We ensure that every child's right to play is valued, protected and delivered.
- 5. We will encourage all sectors to highlight a play champion, either internal or external and to review play practice termly.
- 6. We will advocate that all play environments have suitable outdoor areas for children to experience outdoor active play in nature.
- 7. We will support the importance of risk and challenge in children's play.
- 8. We all move to a risk benefit approach to managing risk within children's play, in line with the Health & Safety Executive and Care Inspectorate statements on risk management.
- 9. We will encourage parents to be involved and support their children's learning through play.
- 10. We will strive to ensure all areas in West Lothian have professionally staffed play provision during holiday periods.
- 11. We will provide support to play organisations to facilitate access, so that all children including those with a disability can access the provision.
- 12. We have school grounds with varied natural landscapes, accessible loose parts and open access to all areas. If parents have concerns about clothing wellies and waterproof should be provided.
- 13. We ensure that all those working with children in West Lothian have current, up to date play training which is regularly maintained.
- 14. The Play Strategy and Action Plan will be reviewed and play will always be a priority with the Community Planning Partnership members.

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