



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

# The Ministerial Review of Play: From Ambition to Action

Final Report – February 2025 to May 2026

A version for children



# Hello

## Playing is fun.

It can help you:

- make friends
- move your body
- use your imagination
- try new things
- learn new skills
- work things out for yourself.

You can play in lots of ways... and in lots of places.

The Welsh Government wants children across Wales to have lots of chances to play.



## Our vision: 'Wales – a Play Friendly Country'

2019  
to 2023

### We listened and made a plan

Children, young people and adults told us what could make play better.

Wales has been working to make play better

### We started making changes

We made a plan with lots of things to do to improve play across Wales.

2024  
to 2025

### Here's where we are now

Lots has been done.  
Some things are still being worked on.

2026

  
**You have the right to rest, relax and play!**

**Article 31.** United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

# Since the last report

## ► We helped schools make more time for play

Some schools have new play equipment, outdoor activities and places where children can choose how they want to play.

## ► We helped more children join in and play

Some play spaces now have better paths, surfaces and covered areas.

## ► We helped make play safer

Clubs and other people who work with children have been given help to keep children safe.

## ► We gave money to help improve play in schools and communities.

## ► We listened to children.

Their ideas are helping change the places where they live and play.

## ► We made more places good for play

There are better playgrounds, natural places, school play spaces and places for older children too.

...and much more!



# Some good things that have happened



## 1. Across Wales – children have more things to play with at school

Some schools now have play pods or play cubes. They are filled with things children can move, build with and use in their own way.

## 2. Children's ideas helped make a park better

Children and families looked at a park and said it could be better. Adults listened. The park was changed into a greener, better place to play for everyone!

## 3. Children told adults what it was like to play outside where they lived.

Some said there were not enough places to play and they sometimes worried about feeling safe. Adults listened. Now there are plans for more trees, wildflowers and natural places to play.

**Thanks to everyone who shared their**

**ideas and took part in this review.**

We will keep working and listening to children so we can improve play across Wales!

