


## Parent Information – What is Play Work?



<p>All children and young people need to play. The impulse to play is innate. Play is biological, psychological and social necessity and is fundamental to healthy development and well being.</p>	<p>Play is the process that is freely chosen, personally directed and intrinsically motivated. Children and young people determine and control the content and intend of their play, by following their own instincts, ideas and interest, in their own way for their own reasons</p>	<p>The prime focus and essence of play work is to support and facilitate the play process and this should enforce the development of play policy, strategy, training and education.</p>
<p>Play workers choose an intervention style that enables children and young people to extend their play. All play worker intervention must balance risk with the development benefits and well being of children.</p>		<p>For play workers the play process takes a precedence and play workers act as advocates for play when engaging with adult led agendas</p>
<p>Play workers recognise their own impact on the play space and also the impact of the child and young people's play and play worker.</p>	<p>The Play workers response to children and young people's playing is based on a sound up to date knowledge of the play process and reflective practice.</p>	<p>The role of the pal worker is to support all children and young people in the creation of a space in which they can play</p>