



Take 2 Cornwall

Play /Enrichment Policy

All young people are entitled to play/enrichment; it is intrinsic to their quality of life and an important part of how they learn and enjoy themselves.

According to the *Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage (2021)*, “Play is essential for children/young people’s development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, to think about problems, and relate to others. Children/young people learn by leading their own play and by taking part in play which is guided by adults.”

At Take 2 Cornwall we recognise the importance of play/enrichment to a child’s/young person’s development. As intervention support workers we support and facilitate play/enrichment as part of our role, and do not seek to control or direct it. We will never force young people to participate in play/enrichment, but allow children/young people to initiate and direct the experience for themselves.

Facilitating play/enrichment

We support and facilitate play/enrichment by:

- Providing an environment which is safe and suitable for playing in.
- Setting up Take 2 Cornwall so that some activities are ready before the young people arrive.
- Providing a range of equipment, resources and activities on a daily basis, and keeping a record of these to ensure that varied play/enrichment opportunities are offered
- Encouraging young people to request additional or alternative equipment as they choose, and if a request has to be refused, explaining why.
- Not expecting young people to be occupied at all times.
- Making outdoor play available every day, unless the weather is particularly bad.
- Involving young people in planning activities, to reflect their own interests and ideas.
- Planning activities that enable children/young people to develop their natural curiosity and imagination.
- Allowing young people freedom of creative expression, particularly in artistic or creative play/activities
- Intervening in play/activities only when necessary: to reduce risks of accident or injury, or to encourage appropriate social skills.
- Warning children/young people in advance when an activity or game is due to end.

Play areas and equipment

- All indoor and outdoor play areas are checked and risk assessed daily before the children/young people arrive in accordance with our **Risk Assessment** policy.
- Take 2 Cornwall keeps an inventory of resources and equipment, which is updated regularly and reviewed to identify where any additional resources are required.
- Young people are involved in selecting additional equipment and resources for use at the hubs. The resources used at Take 2 Cornwall promote positive images of different ethnic backgrounds, religions, and abilities, in line with our **Equalities** policy.
- Take 2 Cornwall has a selection of fiction and non-fiction books, suitable for all age ranges.



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