



THE AFTER 3 CLUB PLAY POLICY

At ATC we aim to fully recognize and support the play principals especially that the impulse to play is innate. We aim to support this fundamental principal by giving the children play opportunities that will help them to develop biologically, socially and psychologically. They are free to explore and develop during play.

At ATC the agenda for play is freely chosen. We understand that our role is to support the children and facilitate their play experiences. The children have the space and freedom to change their activities if they wish to do so.

The overall approach to play is consistently supported by all the staff at ATC. We consult with the children regularly to make sure their needs are being met. Staff respect the children's space and chosen methods of expressing play.

We aim to provide an environment where children can plan their own play and control the content and intent of their play. We encourage the children to take responsibility and ownership of their play experiences.

We aim to balance play and risk in a way that enables children to explore and mature and make healthy decisions in regard to risk that will prevent them from taking unnecessary risks in their teenage or adult lives.

The overall development and well being of the child is paramount.