

# Play Charter



**“LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME...”**  
(MARK 10:14)

At St Patrick’s, we believe play is a gift from God and an essential part of childhood.

Through play, we grow in confidence, kindness, creativity and resilience, becoming the people God calls us to be.



## HOW WE PLAY TOGETHER

- Being kind and welcoming to everyone
- Sharing space, resources and ideas
- Talking and listening to solve problems peacefully
- Caring for our playground and God’s creation
- Asking for help when play is no longer happy or safe



## OUR RIGHT TO PLAY

Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in fun activities

**At our school, this means:**

- **We play every day, outdoors in all seasons**
- **We use natural resources, loose parts and equipment**
- **We are trusted to choose, lead and enjoy our own play**
- **We can take safe and sensible risks that help us learn**
- **Everyone is included and valued, just as God made us**

## WHAT ADULTS WILL DO

The adults in our school will:

- Watch over play without stopping it unnecessarily
- Trust children to manage their own play where it is safe
- Help children understand risks and keep themselves safe
- Listen to children’s ideas about improving play
- Step in when play is unsafe, unkind or unfair

**When Things Go Wrong**

**We understand that:**

- **Problems can happen during play**
- **Mistakes help us learn and grow**
- **We try to restore friendships and play, not stop it**

**We forgive, move forward, and try again**

