



# Play England

Making space for play



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# A manifesto for children's play

Play England and partners are calling for policy makers to make play a priority.

We are asking the government, MPs, councillors – as well as individuals and organisations – to make **three simple pledges** for all children and young people to have the freedom and space to play enjoyed by previous generations.

## 1 To make all residential neighbourhoods child-friendly places where children can play outside

**This will become a reality when:**

- Planning and regeneration takes account of children's play – protecting play areas and building new ones, and ensuring that children have safe routes to them and to local green spaces
- Roads in all residential areas have a 20mph maximum speed limit and there are more pedestrian zones
- Public space is designed, managed and supervised with a better understanding of children and their need to play
- All places where children live offer genuinely inclusive play opportunities

## 2 To give all children the time and opportunity to play throughout childhood

**This will become a reality when:**

- Policies for housing, education, childcare, health, arts, the environment and sport – nationally and locally – recognise and respond to the importance of children's play
- Parents are listened to and given information about what play provision is available locally
- Schools are required to protect playtime for play and to provide good outdoor play areas
- People who work and volunteer with children and young people are encouraged to understand and support the benefits of play

## 3 To give all children somewhere to play – in freedom and safety – after school and in the holidays

**This will become a reality when:**

- More children have access to staffed play services.
- There is more support for volunteering in play
- All group childcare and after school clubs can access training in playwork and good outdoor play areas
- After-school clubs and holiday schemes have quality standards for play provision as well as safety and wellbeing



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