

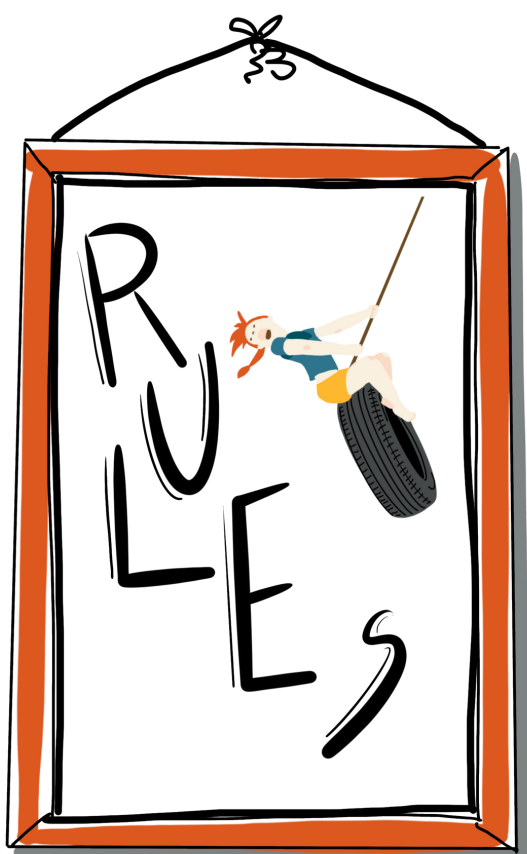


THE ROLE OF ADULTS IN SUPPORTING PLAY

Play is a process that is freely chosen, personally directed and intrinsically motivated.



Referring back to the definition of play can help in some situations.



If necessary, remind children of agreed rules.

Intervene when necessary - do this calmly, take time to assess the situation.

Step back, watch and allow children to play independently.



Everyone is valued and we treat each other fairly.
Ensure everyone has opportunities to be included in the play.
Understand each child's uniqueness.



1. Support and facilitate children's own process of playing.
2. Create the overall framework for play, enable rather than restrict play.
3. Adults and children can create space and time for play together.
4. Turn physical spaces into places of opportunity, imagination and belonging.
5. Choose an intervention style that enables children to extend their play.
6. Balance risks and benefits.