

# Fun 4U Club

## 24 Participation Policy

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### **Principles**

The participation of children in all aspect of play is essential for their development, interaction between children is beneficial for communication, the ability to communicate with each other helps children and staff alike to settle disagreements and misunderstandings that may arise. Participation with one another also helps in breaking down barriers e.g. Class, age, and religion.

### **Statement of Intent**

- Always encourage children to play in groups.
- We will always be vigilant looking out for children not participating or being excluded.
- Staff will always put themselves forward to participate in or start games off, encouraging children to join with them in playing.
- Providing board games and equipment that encourage group and team participation.
- If a child invites a staff member to participate with them in a game, staff should accept when possible.

### **Procedures**

- When outside Staff must plan games to encourage group and team participation.
- Staff must try to have every one evolved in play, keeping it continuous and free flowing.
- Staff may find that children have favourite games which they always like to play, but staff must try to vary games that are acceptable and suitable for all the children.
- When constructing huts or forts etc. staff must try to ensure that each child has a task and no one is excluded.
- When a child suggests an activity e.g. crafts, junk art, "making up our own board game". Staff must always try to accommodate these child lead activates, with whatever supplies and resources to hand. (within reason)
- If staff observe a child/ern not focused in any active, staff must attempt to make suggestions for them to try, or involve them with another group active.