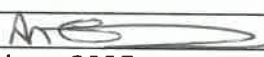




# Marches Family Network

## Play and Inclusion Policy

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## **Introduction**

Marches Family Network is committed to encouraging play and inclusion among our children and young people.

## **Scope**

This policy is applicable to all members of staff, workers, volunteers and trustees, children and young people and their families.

## **Our Belief**

Marches Family Network believes and supports the following principles:

- Every child and young person is unique; they learn and develop in different ways and at different rates.
- Every child and young person needs to play. Play is fundamental to the healthy development and well-being of individuals.
- Children and young people learn and develop well in enabling environments, where their individual needs are met and there is a strong partnership between children, their workers and families of the children and young people.
- Children and young people learn to be independent through positive relationships and role models.
- Inclusion has a clear purpose: equality of opportunity for all children and young people

## **Our Support**

Marches Family Network will support the process of inclusion in the following ways:

- We will strive to provide equality of access to play, leisure and social opportunities.
- We will take a proactive approach to identifying and removing barriers to access.
- We will actively encourage the participation of children, young people and their families in decision-making.
- We will work from a strengths-based approach, building on the children and young people's strengths and interests.
- We will provide opportunities for success, helping to build self-esteem, confidence and independence.
- We will empower children, young people and families by providing them with accessible information and support and by providing choice.