

What children say about play in Wales

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We asked children and teenagers in Wales to tell us what's good and what's not so good about the opportunities to play in their local area. They told us how satisfied they are about when, how and where they can play.



7,825

children and teenagers questioned.

5,477

children and teenagers play out most days, or at least a few days each week.

But, **37%** of disabled children are more likely to never, or hardly ever play out.

“There is nowhere for me to go because I can't walk much and I am in my wheelchair.”



5,634

children and teenagers are satisfied with the range of spaces where they can play or hang out.

“There's a LOT of space and a lot of friends and secret dens.”

But, **23%** of disabled children and **15%** of minority ethnic children say they don't feel safe when they play or hang out.



1,095

children and teenagers said adults are grumpy about them playing out.

Adult grumpiness is experienced more by these groups:

● **18%** are older children

◆ **16%** are disabled children

▶ **16%** are boys



“Older people need to stop being so grumpy when kids have fun.”

The picture presented by children and teenagers across Wales is that they are allowed out, feel safe, and able to play in the places they want to, and overall are satisfied with their opportunities to play.

However, there is still room for improvement. Some groups of children and teenagers stand-out in their reporting of low satisfaction with their opportunities to play. These include disabled children and teenagers and minority ethnic children and teenagers.

Compared to boys, more girls, especially younger ones -

36%

aren't allowed out to play on their own.



“Parents are uneasy about us going out alone without adult supervision.”

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