



Creating Conditions for Play

As we find ourselves in these strange times and using our daily exercise to walk around our communities, you may have noticed while doing this children using things the street or local green spaces have to play. That could be balancing on the edge of the kerb or a low wall, not stepping on cracks on the pavement, finding sticks to turn into wands, running their hands on rails for a sensory experience, rolling down hills, and many others.

All these things are considered to be affordances for play whether they are intentional (such as a chalked hopscotch) or, as often, unintentional (cracks in the pavement).

Each affordance presents children with a way to explore, engage their imagination and enjoy a moment of playfulness. You can make your community more playful by making your own affordances for play.

Chalking is a great way during this time to create affordances for play within your own community. The play object of the week below has some great ideas, you could even leave chalk out for other children to play with. Go out and do some chalking!

We would love to see any photos or videos of you and your family being playful. Please send them to play@wrexham.gov.uk and we will share in the coming weeks.

Play object of the week

How can I play with ...

CHALK

- Self Portrait
- Fun Messages
- Twister
- Obstacle course
- Floor is Lava
- Hopscotch
- A maze
- Themed pictures

What else can you do?



Playful Timetable

	Indoor	Outdoor
Monday	Make street chalk pain (cornflour, water and food colouring)	Paint the paths
Tuesday	Make a bubble mix—google a recipe	Who can pop the most bubbles
Wednesday	Turn the lights off and play in the dark	Teddy bears picnic
Thursday	Have a disco	Practice your handstands
Friday	Can you make slime—lots of recipes on the internet	Have a minibeast hunt
Saturday	Hide and seek	Make a mural of natural materials
Sunday	Play any board games you've got	Tree bark/leaf rubbings—place paper over tree/leaf and use a crayon to rub

Useful links

International Play Association

ipaworld.org/

<http://ipaworld.org/resources/for-parents-and-carers-play-in-crisis/>

Young Wrexham Website

www.youngwrexham.co.uk

Play and Youth Support Team

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