

Playpark Strategy

2023-2033

Young people's edition

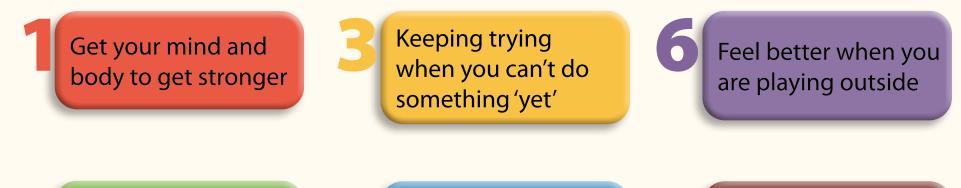


Amazing picture by Theresa Palugova, P6 Aviemore Primary School

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How can playparks, laughing and having great fun help me learn?

Playparks can help you learn how to:



Practice useful life skills like playing together and working out disagreements

Make friends with everyone of all ages and abilities

How to think of your own cool ideas

Get to know people who live near you

What is a Strategy and an Action Plan?

A **Strategy** is a plan on what we want playparks to look like in the future. An **Action Plan** is how we are going to make the plan work.



Our Council bosses agreed to our Playpark Strategy! Woo Hoo!

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We want all young people to be able to:

- Laugh
- Out
- Loud in
- Highland

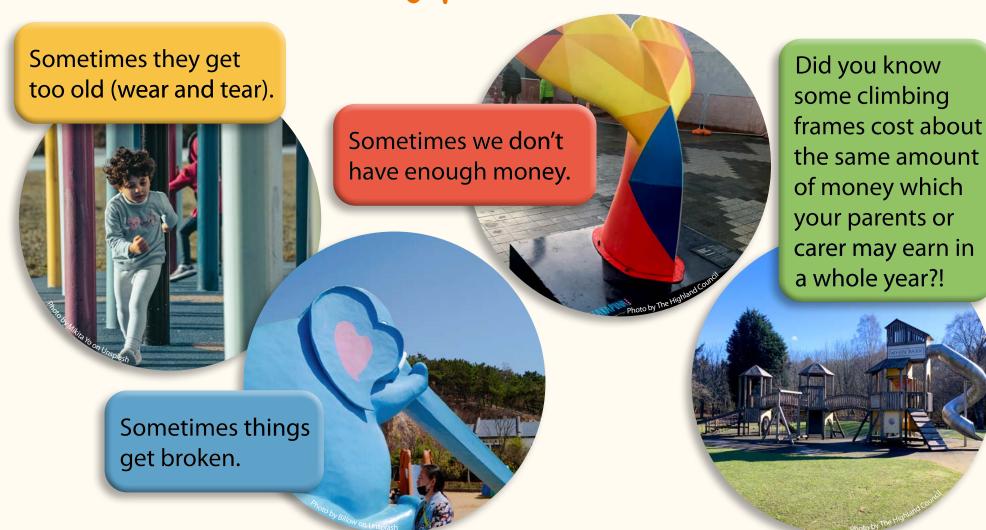


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Through our questionnaire, you told us you wanted playparks to have:



Why are some of our playparks breaking and new stuff isn't being put in?



What does this Strategy mean for you?



It means adults in the Council want to:

Make sure everyone has a playpark to play in, which is close to home.

Make sure, there is stuff for everyone to play on – all ages and all abilities.



Give you chances to get healthier by playing outdoors.

Help young people learn useful life skills.

Look after our planet by reducing, reusing and recycling equipment.

Get you helping adults with designing your own playparks.

What will our Action Plan achieve?

Big Slide by Karsten Winegeart o

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We need to make sure everyone can play

Boy in wheelchair by iStock

We need to make sure we are caring for our environment:

3 sizes of playparks so we can keep lots of local parks where you can get to easily

Increase Natural Play

Only buy what we need but buy cooler stuff Repair equipment when we have the money

Increase

what we

grow in

playparks

Reuse equipment when we can

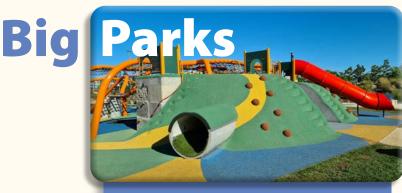
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We need to make sure we have enough money

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Three sizes of playparks

We are going to separate playparks into 3 sizes so you can play close to home AND also have occasional bigger parks (you may have to travel to them though).



One in each region, depending on what money is available.



One in each town, large village and large suburb.



Those will be smaller parks, where you can hopefully walk or wheel to.

Playground by Nico Smit on Unsplash Climbing with ramps by Caleb Oquendo on Pexels Nest Swing by Dreamstime

How long will this take?

Building playparks will happen when communities and councils raise enough funds.

What can I do if my playpark is broken or needing repaired?

You can talk to adults and ask them to contact The Highland Council Amenities Department.

What happens when there is enough money to improve a playpark or a broken piece of equipment?



We will come to speak with local school children to see what they would like.



we will create some new designs.



We will come back to the school and ask children to vote on their favourite one.



After about 3 months, the new equipment should be in – hurray!

For reading this
Looking after our playparks
Being kind to other people



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