

10 good reasons for street play

1. Children need and have a right to play. It is vital for their **physical, emotional and social development**.
2. Children need to experience **free play**, when they follow their own ideas and interests.
3. Children like to play **near home** where they don't need to rely on adults to take them anywhere.
4. Children need space to play **energetically**. City and town gardens are usually too small and many children don't have **independent access** to parks.
5. Playing in the street increases community cohesion and a sense of **collective responsibility** for children's wellbeing and safety.
6. Children develop **friendships** outside school and across age groups.
7. Through dealing with situations independently, children can learn valuable **social skills**.
8. Playing in the street allows for '**semi-supervised**' play while parents and residents get to know one another.
9. The street is the 'starting point for all journeys'* and street play is a step towards greater **independent mobility** – to visit friends, go to the park or walk to school.
10. Streets constitute the majority of **public space** in our communities and should be for everyone, not just cars!

* Tim Gill (2007) *No Fear: Growing up in a risk averse society*.



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