

# Prioritise Out of School Childcare as vital to children's rights

## - a Manifesto for the 2026 Senedd Election

In preparation for the Senedd elections 2026, Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Clubs urges the Welsh Government to prioritise Out of School Childcare as vital to children's rights, wellbeing, family support, and economic growth. Investment in this sector is essential for Wales' future prosperity.



**Our Vision: A Wales where children play and communities prosper.**



### Sector Impact:

- Supports 45,000+ children to play, enabling their parents/carers to work and train and improve family circumstances.
- Employs up to 5,000 Playworkers.



## 3 Key Priorities



### Wellbeing: Enhance children's mental health, wellbeing, and development through quality, inclusive play.

- Children's right to play and overall wellbeing must be upheld through adequate funding and public education about the importance of play.
- Out of School Childcare Clubs offer safe, child-led play that supports physical, emotional, and cognitive development. Special attention should be given to children with additional needs, ensuring they have equal access to these services.



### Workforce: Build a qualified, valued, and sustainable workforce.

- Playworkers play a vital role in providing quality care and meeting the needs of children and families. However, recruitment and retention challenges persist due to low pay and inadequate funding.
- The sector needs long-term funding for Playwork qualifications/training and initiatives to sustain the workforce and improve pay and conditions.



### Funding & Support

- The sustainability of Out of School Childcare Clubs is threatened by rising costs (rent, wages) and financial pressures on families, leading to closures or reduced services.
- Long-term, accessible funding is required to ensure that Clubs remain viable and continue to support children and families.

# Blaenoriaethu Gofal Plant All-Ysgol fel elfen sy'n hollbwysig i hawliau plant – Maniffesto ar gyfer Etholiad y Senedd 2026

Yn rhan o'r paratoi ar gyfer etholiadau'r Senedd 2026, pwyswn ar Lywodraeth Cymru i flaenoriaethu Gofal Plant All-Ysgol fel elfen sy'n hanfodol i hawliau plant, llesiant, cefnogaeth i deuluoedd a thyfiant economaidd. Mae buddsoddi yn y sector hwn yn hanfodol i ffyniant Cymru yn y dyfodol.



**Ein gweledigaeth: Cymru lle mae plant yn chwarae a chymunedau'n ffynnu.**

## Effaith y Sector:



- Y mae'n cefnogi 45,000+ o blant i chwarae, eu rhieni/gofalwyr i weithio a hyfforddi, a gwelliant yn amgylchiadau teuluoedd.
- Y mae'n cyflogi hyd at 5,000 o Weithwyr Chwarae



## 3 Prif Flaenoriaeth



**Llesiant: Gwella iechyd meddyliol plant, eu llesiant a'u datblygiad drwy chwarae sydd o ansawdd ac yn gynhwysol.**

- Rhaid cynnal hawl plant i chwarae a'u lles cyffredinol drwy gyllid digonol ac addysg gyhoeddus am bwysigrwydd chwarae.
- Mae Clybiau Gofal Plant All-Ysgol yn cynnig chwarae diogel, dan arweiniad plant, sy'n cefnogi datblygiad corfforol, emosiynol a gwybyddol. Dylid rhoi sylw arbennig i blant ag anghenion ychwanegol, gan sicrhau bod ganddynt fynediad cyfartal i'r gwasanaethau hyn.



**Y Gweithlu: Adeiladu gweithlu cymwysedig, a werthfawrogi, ac sy'n gynaliadwy.**

- Mae Gweithwyr Chwarae'n â rôl allweddol yn darparu gofal o ansawdd ac ateb anghenion plant a theuluoedd. Ond mae heriau o ran recriwtio a chadw'n parhau o ganlyniad i gyflogau isel a chyllido annigonol.
- Mae ar y sector angen ariannu hirdymor ar gyfer cymhwyso/hyfforddi mewn Gwaith Chwarae a chynlluniau i gynnal gwella tâl ac amodau.



**Galwad i Weithredu:**

- Bygythir cynaliadwyedd Clybiau Gofal Plant All-Ysgol gan gostau cynyddol (rhent, cyflogau) a phwysau ariannol ar deuluoedd, sy'n arwain at leoliadau'n cau neu gwtogi ar y gwasanaeth.
- Mae angen cyllid hirdymor hygyrch i sicrhau bod Clybiau'n parhau'n hyfyw ac yn parhau i gefnogi plant a theuluoedd.