

Children, Young People and Families' Plan

2024-2027



Our vision

We want all children and young people in Jersey to have an equal opportunity to be safe, flourish and fulfil their potential.



This means to you:
Brighter futures for Jersey's children, young people and families.

f Flourish — to grow and thrive.






f Potential — to reach your goals and be the best you can be.

Hello


The Government of Jersey wants to help all children, young people and families to have the best life possible. So, we have a new Children, Young People and Families' Plan for 2024-2027.

This plan has 5 Big Goals

We want all children and young people to:

-  **be healthy and happy**
-  **learn and achieve**
-  **enjoy a good standard of living**
-  **feel safe and loved**
-  **be included, respected and valued.**

We call these our
'Big Picture Outcomes'



This plan is based around children's rights. All children have rights set out in the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child* (UNCRC).

Big Goal 1:



Happy and Healthy

We want all children to have everything they need to grow and have a healthy and happy life.

This means that you:

- enjoy the best start in life — with support from health services
- enjoy the best health as you grow up — with a healthy diet and support from services
- have spaces and opportunities to play
- enjoy good mental wellbeing
- live in healthy homes and safe communities
- can make healthy lifestyle choices — like choosing to not smoke or drink alcohol.

We want to see:

↑ **More** children 0 to 2 years grow and develop by the times they should (developmental milestones).

↑ **More** children healthy and get a high *Health-related Quality of Life* score.

↑ **More** children are at a healthy weight.

↑ **More** families happy and satisfied with their housing.

↑ **More** children active and go to the park, beach or other place at least once a week.

↑ **More** mothers breastfeeding at 6-8 weeks.

↑ **More** children make healthy choices — eating fruit and vegetables each day, being active, not smoking and not drinking alcohol.

Children said, **happy and healthy** means:

Free clubs and activities.

More places to play.

Cheap healthy food.



Big Goal 2:



Learn and Achieve

We want all children to have great learning experiences so they can reach their goals.

This means that you:

- engage with and enjoy your education — taking part in activities and learning
- reach good levels in reading, writing and mathematics
- develop good social, emotional and communication skills — that you can use in life and work
- successfully finish your school years — with the qualifications and skills you need for adult life
- stay in education or training after you're 16 — to get more qualifications and skills
- learn how to deal with life changes and cope challenges.

We want to see:

↑ **More** children aged three and four years old in early education.

↑ **More** Reception children reach their learning goals.

↑ **More** KS1 pupils reach the expected levels in reading, writing and mathematics.

↑ **More** children take part in activities outside of school hours.

↑ **More** young people take part in the Skills Development Scheme.

↑ **More** KS2 pupils reach the expected levels in reading, writing and mathematics.

↑ **More** students go to university.

↓ **Fewer** pupils absent from school for more than 10% of the time.

↑ **More** pupils get 8 GCSEs.

↓ **Fewer** young people aged 16 to 18 Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET).

Children said, **learn and achieve** means:

Free afterschool tuition and after schools clubs.

Setting learning goals and working hard.

More DT and Art subjects.



Big Goal 3:



Good standard of living



We want families to have all the support they need to deal with challenges so that all children can thrive.

This means that you're in a family that:

- has a good standard of living — everything you need to be healthy and well
- has good, healthy, nutritious food — helping you grow and thrive
- live in a warm, dry, stable home — that meets your needs and doesn't cost too much
- has good, well-paid jobs — that pay enough to cover everything you need.

Children said,
a good standard of living
means:

Having a home,
food and drink.

More shelters
for homeless
people.

Cheaper food and
housing.

We want to see:

↑ **More** families
happy with their
housing.

↓ **Fewer** children
whose families
have money issues
and find it difficult
to cope.

↓ **Fewer** children
with low-income
families after housing
costs have been paid.

↓ **Fewer** young
people have damp or
black mould on their
walls or ceilings.

↓ **Fewer** children whose
families don't have enough
food each day.



Big Goal 4:



Safe and Loved →

We want all children to grow up in families where they feel cared for and loved.

This means that you:

- feel loved and supported
- can spend quality time with their parents, family and friends
- are safe from being hurt in an accident
- are safe from harm, neglect or abuse — that includes being involved in a crime
- feel safe in your community — are treated fairly and don't face bullying
- have support if you're at risk — so services step in quickly to keep you safe.

i *If it's not safe for a child to stay with their family, then it's our job to make sure they have everything they need to feel safe and loved.*

Children said, safe and loved means:

Feeling safe and not bullied.

Loving family.

Living in a safe and happy home.

We want to see:

↑ **More** children feel happy with their friends.

↑ **More** young people feel safe at school, at home, at work, online, and where they live.

↑ **More** children feel happy in their family.

↓ **Fewer** children under 13 have accidents and go to the Emergency Department.

↓ **Fewer** girls experience inappropriate comments or unwanted attention of a sexual nature.

↓ **Fewer** children who are victims of crime.

↓ **Fewer** children experience domestic abuse in their homes.

↓ **Fewer** children who are bullied.



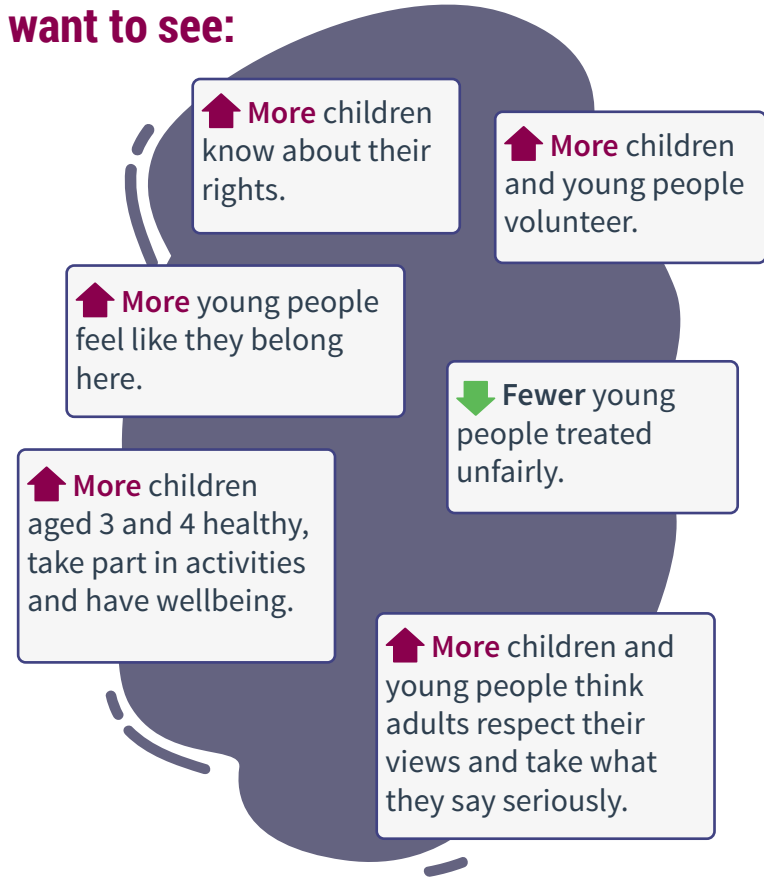
Included, Respected and Valued

We want all children to get involved and have a say in decisions that affect their life in Jersey.

This means that you:

- feel accepted, respected and valued — at home, in school and in the community
- feel involved and have positive behaviour — at school and out of school
- will be treated fairly
- have stable and healthy relationships — in all areas of your life
- have your voice, views and opinions listened to and taken seriously.

We want to see:



Children said, **included respected and valued** means:

Having a voice, and an opportunity to be heard and listened to.

Treat others how you would like to be treated.

Protect the environment — stop littering and recycle plastics.



These 5 Big Goals support your rights

The UNCRC (United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child) is a list of rights for children and young people.

All 5 Big Goals support articles 2, 3, 6 and 12 →

 <p>2</p> <p>NO DISCRIMINATION</p>	 <p>3</p> <p>BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD</p>	 <p>6</p> <p>LIFE, SURVIVAL AND DEVELOPMENT</p>	 <p>12</p> <p>RESPECT FOR CHILDREN'S VIEWS</p>
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Next steps

Everyone will work together to reach our goals and improve the lives of all children and young people in Jersey.

We will keep talking to children, young people and their families, and check this plan is making a difference in their lives. We will make any changes to this plan if we need to.

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Thanks for reading this

Find out more at gov.je/childrensplan



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