

Redbridge is Child Friendly

An Easy Read Summary



What is this about?

Redbridge Council has been working with **UNICEF UK**.

UNICEF helps make sure:

- Children are treated fairly
- Children are listened to
- Children's rights are respected

UNICEF has checked Redbridge's work. UNICEF said **Redbridge is now a Child Friendly place**.

What does "Child Friendly" mean?

Child Friendly means:

- ✓ Adults listen to children
- ✓ Children have rights
- ✓ Children feel safe
- ✓ Children are treated fairly
- ✓ Children can take part in decisions

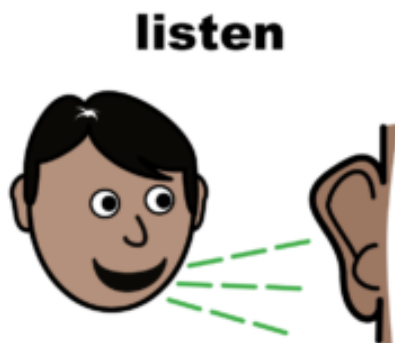
It does not mean everything is perfect.

It means Redbridge is:

- Trying hard
- Making progress
- Committed to doing better

How did UNICEF decide?

UNICEF:



report



- Read reports
- Looked at information and data
- Spoke to adults who work in Redbridge
- Spoke to children and young people
- Visited places in Redbridge

Children's views were **very important**.

What children said

Many children and young people shared their views.

They said:

- They understand their rights more
- They feel safer in some places
- They want adults to listen more
- Some children feel less heard than others

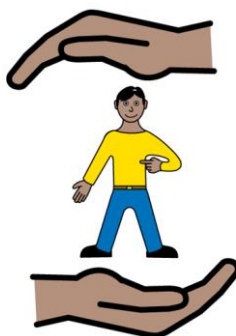
UNICEF said Redbridge should:

Keep listening

Make sure all children feel included



safe



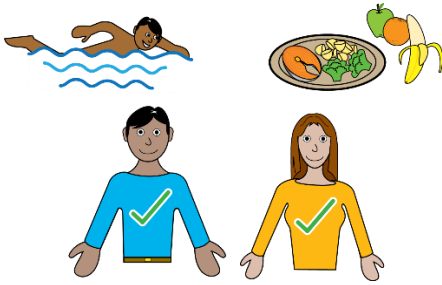
What Redbridge is doing well

UNICEF said Redbridge has done well in many areas.

Listening to children

- Children speak to councillors and leaders
- Young people help make local plans

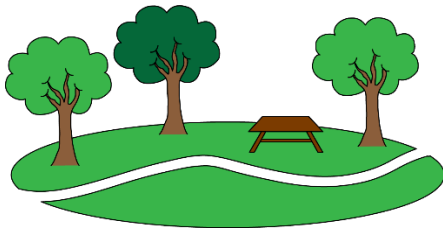
Safer streets



- There are more **School Streets (without cars at pick up times)**
- There is cleaner air outside schools
- There are more **Play Streets** so children can play outside without cars

Health and wellbeing

- There are more free and low-cost holiday activities
- There's better support for mental health
- There's more help for children with additional needs



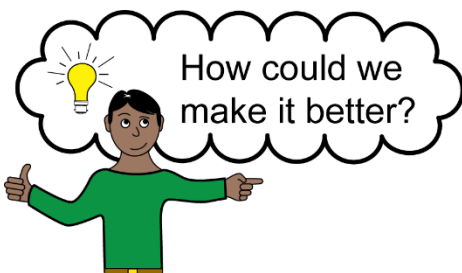
Better places

- Children help design buildings and spaces
- Parks and streets are more welcoming

What needs to improve

UNICEF also said Redbridge should:

- Listen to more children
- Make sure children see changes happen
- Think about children in every big decision
- Keep improving support for children with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities)



What happens next?

UNICEF UK said Redbridge is Child Friendly and they will review it again in **3 years**.

action plan



During this time:

- Children will keep being listened to
- Adults will keep working on children's rights
- Progress will be checked
- Improvements will continue

This is **not the end**.
It is the **next step**.

Why this matters

Children's voices matter.

Children have rights.

Redbridge has promised to:

- Listen
- Act
- Improve

With children, not just for them.



Thank you

UNICEF said **thank you** to all the children and young people in Redbridge for sharing their views and ideas.