

## Early Years Inclusion Team

### Suggestions around developing social interaction skills.

Play alongside the child and copy what he/she does e.g. if he/she jumps up and down, you jump up and down, if he/she touches the sand with his/her fingers, you touch the sand with your fingers. If the child begins to notice you, maybe, he/she will copy an action from you e.g. going from jumping up and down to spinning around, from touching the sand with his/her fingers to patting the sand with his/her hand etc.

This is sometimes known as **Intensive Interaction** (see INTENSIVE INTERACTION with link fact sheet)

Sometimes copy the child's vocalisations- if he/she makes some sounds you copy it. Will he/she make some sounds back to you? ..... can you add different sounds? ..... you could try using an echo mike.

Play tickle, tickle and peek a boo games.

Play singing /rhyme games e.g. round and round the garden, row, row your boat.

Roll a ball or car back and forth with the child.

Play Ready steady go games - Start by trying the following toys

- Bubbles
- Car runs
- Ball runs



Blow some bubbles and see if the child shows interest, allow him/her to explore and see you blow more bubbles.

Begin to say 'ready steady ..... (pause) go' and then blow the bubbles.

Repeat sequence.

Then after saying 'ready steady ..... wait for the child to indicate to you he/she wants more bubbles, either by making a vocalisation, tapping you with his/her hand or looking towards you, when he/she had done this say 'go' and blow more bubbles.

Try this with other toys/equipment as listed above.

Turn taking games encourage children to build on many areas of their development, particularly their social and communication skills.

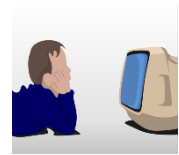
By learning to wait, listen, share and talk with adults and other children.

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### Videos on developing social interaction skills on YouTube



There are now several different clips on YouTube here are a couple for you to watch.....



10-12 Month Baby Communication Milestones to Look For <https://youtu.be/zjsb0Xq9WmI>

Child Social Communication <https://youtu.be/HyeNHxxICkA>