

Takes items from other children

Strong, warm relationships with adults help children understand feelings, build friendships, cooperate with others, and resolve conflicts. Positive interactions and play with trusted adults support the development of social skills, confidence, and sharing. Creating a nurturing environment with consistent positive behaviour strategies further promotes children's personal, social, and emotional development.

Practitioners can support children by:

- Providing children with a safe place to keep personal belongings, such as a drawer, basket, or peg, to promote a sense of belonging and ownership.
- Creating a Total Communication Environment, using a range of communication methods to support understanding and interaction.
- Using a consistent approach across all adults, including following through on expectations and supporting children to share and take turns.
- Ensuring there are enough popular resources available to reduce frustration and support cooperative play.
- Using visual supports, such as timers or waiting cards, to help children understand when it will be their turn.
- Modelling positive social interactions, including sharing, turn-taking, and kindness.
- Praising and reinforcing positive social behaviour, friendships, and cooperative play.
- Talk with parents to gain a better understanding of the child's strengths, interests, and any changes or challenges that may be affecting them.

Activities, ideas, resources and strategies:

- Model simple language for requesting a turn, such as, "Can I have a turn, please?" or "I would like a turn with..."
- Use sand timers to help children understand how long they can play with a resource before sharing it.
- Use timers consistently with all children so they understand that turn-taking applies to everyone.
- Use visual supports, such as photographs or name cards, to help children see whose turn is next and support independent turn-taking.
- Model sharing during play using simple language, for example, "my turn" pause "your turn." Repeat this regularly to help children understand the pattern of sharing.
- Play simple turn-taking games that involve passing objects, rolling a ball, or taking turns in a game.
- Praise and reinforce positive sharing, waiting, and turn-taking behaviours.