

Turn Taking Games

Turn taking is a skill which we will need to teach children. Adults may need to support a child to understand the rules of the game.

- Start with one child and an adult. This enables the child to learn the rules/boundaries and practice new skills.
- Only introduce another child when the rules are understood and the child is confident with turn taking and understand the rules.
- When the group gets bigger make sure the child is sitting next to an adult so support can be given when needed.
- A Now/Next board should be used with a visual of the adult and child/ren. This will be help to indicate whose turn it is next.
- Adult to say “my turn now (using their picture, [child’s name] turn next”.
- Make sure the game is played for an appropriate amount of time for the child/ren.
- Circle time activities could also include turn taking opportunities. Activities such as Listen with Lucy and Time to talk.



Links to EYFS: CLL, PD, PSED, LIT, MATHS.

SEND Code of Practice: C&L, C&I, SEMH.

At home.

- Follow your child’s interest.
- Turn off any distractions such as the television or find a quiet place to play the game.
- Use play opportunities to encourage turn taking opportunities, such as building a tower, rolling a ball to one another, going down a slide at the park etc.
- Keep language clear and simple, using the word “my turn, [child’s name] turn”.