



## CARD 9

### WHY NOT TRY?

- \* Using your baby's name when you talk to them.
- \* Playing games that involve physical interaction such as "This little piggy" and "Round and round the garden".
- \* Listening to and copying your baby's babbling, this is early turn taking.
- \* Playing simple games that involve action and turn taking such as "One potato, two potato..." or posting toy cars down a tube.
- \* Playing peek-a-boo games.

**"What I Like..."**

- \* Right from birth I find people more interesting than objects.
- \* When I'm in a pushchair or buggy which faces you, it means that I can make face to face contact and communicate with you.

### Did you know?

- \* Your baby use lots of energy in their social interactions, they may yawn or frown when they begin to tire.
- \* If your baby turns away from you it may mean that they need a break from social interaction for a while.

## CARD 10

### WHY NOT TRY?

- \* Giving your child the opportunity to play in the company of other children.
- \* Using opportunities to take turns, this will help your child understand that other people matter.
- \* Encouraging your child to swap over toys when they play alongside other children or you.

**"What I Like..."**

- \* Playing with other children.
- \* When I get a turn at playing with the toy that my friends are playing with.
- \* To know you still like me, whatever I have done.

### Did you know?

- \* Your child will get better at social interaction if they get the opportunity to play with other children.
- \* Parent and toddler groups are a great way for your child to meet new children. If you're not sure where to find your nearest, just go to the Surrey Family Information Service directory to find listings of what's running locally [www.surreycc.gov.uk/directory](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/directory)
- \* Swapping comes before sharing.
- \* Two year olds are impulsive...they see, they want, they take. This is developmental not immoral.





## CARD 11

### WHY NOT TRY?

- \* Providing plenty of toys such as balls, so that your child is able to play with others.
- \* Playing games that encourage turn taking, for instance playing Snap.
- \* Encouraging your child to play with a range of other children, especially if they haven't begun to make special friends.
- \* Sharing books that explore friendship.
- \* Introducing games with simple rules, such as picture lotto.

### Did you know?

- \* Two year olds find it hard to wait for their turn or hand over a toy. Telling your child that they must share won't work, instead provide enough toys or things for them and their friends to choose from.
- \* Your child will tend to play alongside other children rather than playing co-operatively with them until around 2½ years. And even at this age they are only just beginning to play co-operatively.
- \* It's difficult but important for your child to learn that some games involve losing as well as winning and they need to learn to manage the emotions that go with this.

### "What I Like..."

- \* When you show me how to play with other children for instance when we're playing with dolls and push chairs.
- \* Playing different games, ones where there are winners and ones where there aren't.
- \* When I get to finish my game without being made to give my toys to someone else.
- \* When you realise that I want to play by myself.

## CARD 12



### WHY NOT TRY?

- \* Giving your child your full attention, listening and explaining things to them. This will help them learn how to talk and behave with others.
- \* Helping your child work through disagreements with other children by providing them with the words and phrases they need.
- \* Playing board games and providing other play opportunities to support turn taking and following rules. Build on what you've done before.

### "What I Like..."

- \* That when I'm at play dates at home or friends' houses, I'm able to put into practice turn taking and all the things I've learnt from you.
- \* When you notice that I've had enough of playing with my friends and that I just want to be by myself.

### Did you know?

- \* That sharing stories is a useful starting point to talk through social issues such as Little Beaver and the Echo (A MacDonald) or Not Now Bernard (D McKee).
- \* That playing open ended games such as den building encourages your child to cooperate with others.
- \* Behaviour is a form of communication not an "adult wind-up". Try to understand what your child is trying to tell you.



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