Turn Taking

Turn taking is an important skill to learn from an early age. By learning to take turns with everyday activities, your child will start to understand the rules of two way interactions i.e. conversation.

Some children find it difficult to share, wait and take turns. By demonstrating some turn taking activities to your child they will begin to copy you and have a better idea of what is expected of them.

It is important that when doing an activity you demonstrate it first. Make sure your child knows what to do.



Indicate whose turn it is by saying "Mummy's turn" "Katie's turn" whilst gesturing and pointing.

Whilst waiting for their turn, make sure you praise your child for 'good sitting' and 'good listening'

You can practise turn-taking at home to help develop turn taking skills:

⇒ Building a tower of bricks - take turns adding bricks to the tower, then have fun knocking it over

⇒ Roll a ball to one another - as the game goes on increase the amount of time you wait before passing it (You can also use Ready, Steady, Go!)

⇒ Play Peek-A-Boo - take turns to cover your eyes

