

Supporting Social Communication



Teach how to take turns in a conversation. Pass round an object or toy. The child can talk when they are holding the toy.

Role play greeting a variety of people, e.g. the head teacher, a friend, a policeman, known adults.

Highlight social interactions in books and films e.g. when characters are happy/sad with each other, explore why - why do you think Jay is annoyed that he's got 10 messages from Sasha?

Set up lunch clubs. In a relaxed environment, play games to encourage turn taking, listening and asking relevant questions.

Make an 'interest box' – personalised for each young person. Have question cards to show interest in each other's boxes. Try to find common ground.