Turn Taking

Turn taking is the basis for two way interaction i.e. conversation. Children need to learn to take turns with everyday activities before moving on to turn taking with sounds and then words. Here are some activities to develop turn taking skills.

**Other Activities**

- **People games** - play tickling games, chase, rough and tumble. Take turns to be the chaser or tickler. Occasionally pause and wait for your child to initiate their turn.
- **Copying games** - take turns to copy each others sounds/words/funny faces/actions e.g. ahh, beep, babble and facial expressions.
- **Games** - take turns whilst playing with toys, e.g. posting, puzzles, fishing, skittles and colouring.
- **Hiding games** - take turns to hide and find favourite toys under cushions, beds, chairs etc.
- **Music games** - use shakers, drums, pans and wooden spoons to take turns making noises. Encourage your child to wait for their turn. Have fun making loud and quiet sounds.