

# Activities for Developing Turn Taking Skills

## Nursery Settings

### Take it easy

Establish the basic rules of turn taking by using simple activities such as: Building a tower of bricks together; Rolling a ball to each other.

### Turn it around

Sit the children in a circle and give them a sequential activity to do, e.g., folding up a letter, putting it in an envelope, writing/mark making a name sticking down the envelope and delivering it. Allow each child to take a turn and say what they are doing.

### Pass it on!

Pass an object around the circle. Each child must make a comment about it, taking care not to copy what others have said (this also supports good listening!)

### Feely bag

**Equipment:** Bag, range of objects that are not too obvious in shape (e.g., fir cone, brush, remote control etc).

**How to play:** Children sit in a semi-circle in front of you. One object is placed into the bag without the children seeing it. The bag is passed round the circle, with each child having a feel. Encourage the children to think in their heads of what they think the object is but to remain quiet until everyone has had a feel in the bag. When the bag has gone round the circle, you say 'hands up anyone who thinks they know what was in the bag.' One child is then chosen to make a guess, and guessing continues until someone guesses correctly.

## Structured turn-taking games you may already have:

- Elefun/ Pop up pirate/ Hungry hippos
- Snakes and ladders
- Connect 4
- Crocodile teeth
- Guess who
- Kerplunk
- Monkey business
- Marble run
- Lotto / Snap / Matching games

