

# The importance of Socialisation for children



Social development is tied to many other parts of your child's overall development, which is why it is important to start socialisation with other children at a young age. Social interaction helps young children to start to develop their sense of self.

## 8 reasons why it is important

1. It can help develop a child's confidence around other people, making them less anxious about being away from their prime caregiver.

2. Social skills can be learned and developed. The more opportunities that your child has to develop that skill, the more comfortable and confident they will become in forming relationships with others.

3. It prepares children for when they start at school. Socialisation can help your child to become less anxious about being separated from their parents. If your child is used to being at home with you for the majority of the first few years of their life, you may meet some resistance to them leaving you when it is time for them to start school..



4.Socialisation can help develop positive friendship, bonds and emotional connections later in life. – Child psychologists say that from birth children need to feel a sense of belonging and safety, and this initial security will then help them to feel comfortable when forming positive friendship bonds later in life.

5. It helps them to learn to share and take turns. By socialising with other children, your child will learn to share adult attention, which can help when attending school later.

6.It encourages a child to think of others, they learn that other people have feelings, needs, and desires just like they do.

7.They can watch you, and their carers modelling good social skills. They can see from the way that you or their carers interact with others, what is appropriate social behaviour.

8.Children learn acceptance of others – when children socialise with other children with varying abilities and disabilities, they learn to accept everyone in the same way. They learn to find ways of adapting play so that everyone can join in; and helping others to enable participation becomes a natural part of life.



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