

**Parenting Tips**  
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### **Children and Friendships**

Between the ages five to nine children will form casual friendships that change on a regular basis. Today your child's best friend maybe someone who enjoys walking around the playground, tomorrow someone who wants to play in the adventure playground. Friends can come and go fairly quickly.

After age nine your child is more likely to form a more intense, longer lasting friendship on the basis of shared and common interests. Friendships can provide a wonderful source of strength emotionally as well as helping children develop self-confidence.

Children can be happy with just one friend or as part of a large circle of friends. Your child may feel quite content with their own company, at times their interests may be different to those of other children. If your child is happy with the situation then there is no need to worry.

Friendships can assist children in the development of self-confidence as well as being a great source of emotional support for children.

We invite you to visit our Centre to 'check out' the wide range of information that we have available for you to browse or borrow.