

Parenting Tips
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Play and your Child

Play is one of the most important needs your child has. Through play children learn:

- to make sense of the world they live in;
- how to manage their feelings;
- about developing relationships;
- to practice new skills that they have been taught and to internalise these skills..

As parents we can encourage our children to play and at times join in their play. Here are the best ways to play with your child.

- Allow plenty of time for play.
- Don't compete with your child - competition may discourage your child from playing with you.
- Follow your child's lead in play however it is important that games being played are safe and do not get out of control.
- Let your child make the rules
- Listen but don't tell your child what to do
- Talk about what the child is doing and encourage, e.g. "It looks like the princess is going to change her mind. What do you think the prince and his friends will do?"

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