

# Interests & Play Together

Use favourite interests to support enjoyable play, alone, alongside or together.

## How to use the illustrated cards

## Prepare

Show the four play cards: quiet space, build together, bubbles and favourite toy. Have any materials ready before offering the choice.

## Invite, do not direct

Offer one or two possibilities. You might say “Blocks or your dinosaur?” Accept pointing, gestures, words or choosing neither.

## Join in their way

Follow what interests the child. You can play alongside them, copy their building idea or take a turn if invited. Sharing and eye contact are not requirements.

## Use the drawing page

Invite the child to draw, colour or show a favourite toy or activity. They can choose a photo or simply talk or gesture instead.

## Helpful reminder

A quiet space is always available by choice. For bubbles, adults handle the solution and supervise play; never require blowing.

Every activity is optional. Children may look, point, gesture, speak, play alongside an adult, change the activity or pass. These are play ideas, not autism treatments or assessments.