

Development of interaction 0 – 12 months

Age	Interaction Skills	Carer	Assessor
Newborn	Interested eye gaze.		
	Can copy facial movements and expressions.		
	Recognises parents' voices – turns towards them.		
1 - 3 months	Baby can 'chat'- dialogues without words.		
	Eye to eye contact being maintained for longer and smiling is more reliable.		
	Baby makes pre-speech mouth movements which seem as if the baby is trying to talk, plus a range of facial expressions and hand and arm gestures.		
3 – 6 months	Turn taking patterns in dialogue more established.		
	Baby can take part in turn-taking games such as 'peek-a-boo'.		
	Vision is more developed so the baby may show he/she is interested by looking towards a toy or object.		
	Baby is able to anticipate the sequence of favourite games and activities.		
	Baby begins to respond to familiar sounds in the environment and turn towards familiar voices.		
6 – 9 months	Baby is able to copy actions.		
	Baby can babble and shout to get the carer's attention.		
	Baby is learning to look and listen at the same time, so beginning to recognise the names of familiar people.		
	Baby responds to his/her own name.		
9 – 12 months	Baby understands pointing as a way of directing attention and by 12 months can point to show interest and gain attention.		
	Baby can sustain shared attention with the carer on an external activity, such as sharing a book.		
	Practises speech sounds when enjoying quiet time by him/herself.		
	Around 12 months the baby may develop one or two early words and use them in context.		