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INTERACTIVE / ASSOCIATIVE



Interactive/Associative play involves:

- Groups of children playing together and collaborating on the 'theme' of the play, e.g. construction.
- Child is interested in playing with other children.
- Beginning to communicate, socialise, and share with others.
- Testing their beliefs about the world.



Parents supporting their child's Interactive/Associative play will be:

- Visiting places with their child so they can play where there are other children, e.g. playgrounds/parks.
- Allowing their child time to observe others.
- Naming the actions they are observing.
- Providing information when their child shows an interest.
- Supporting their child as they begin to communicate and socialise.

- Supporting and assisting with sharing and turn taking.
- Sharing ideas and toys as they role play with their child.
- Supporting their child if they make attempts to participate.
- Practicing negotiation and problem solving in simple play scenes.
- Encouraging body awareness with naming body parts and actions.



Interactive/Associative play promotes:

- learning to work in groups
- Imagination
- Exploration
- Resilience
- Respecting others
- Communication with another
- Cognitive brain development
- Problem solving
- Conflict resolution
- Cooperation
- Language development
- Concentration
- Sharing/turn taking
- Negotiating

