

Principles of attuned interactions and guidance

Being attentive	 Looking interested with friendly posture Giving time and space for other Turning towards Wondering about what they are doing, thinking or feeling Enjoying watching the other
Encouraging initiatives	 Waiting Listening actively Showing emotional warmth through intonation Using friendly and/or playful intonation as appropriate Naming what the child is doing, might be thinking or feeling Naming what you are doing, thinking or feeling Looking for initiatives
Receiving initiatives	 Showing you have heard, noticed the other's initiative Receiving with body language Being friendly and/or playful as appropriate Returning eye-contact, smiling, nodding in response Receiving what the other is saying or doing with words Repeating/using the other's words or phrases
Developing attuned interactions	 Receiving and then responding Checking the other is understanding you Waiting attentively for your turn. Having fun Giving a second (and further) turn on same topic Giving and taking short turns Contributing to interaction / activity equally Co-operating - helping each other
Guiding	 Scaffolding Saying 'no' in the 'yes' cycle (attuned limit setting) Extending, building on the other's response Judging the amount of support required and adjusting Giving information when needed Providing help when needed Offering choices that the other can understand Making suggestions that the other can follow
Deepening discussion	 Supporting goal-setting Sharing viewpoints Collaborative discussion and problem-solving Naming difference of opinion Investigating the intentions behind words Naming contradictions/conflicts (real or potential) Reaching new shared understandings Managing conflict (back to being attentive and receiving initiatives with the aim of restoring attuned interactions)