

**Skill 1: Play**

Play is very important for children’s development

Parent or carer provides a shoebox or bag of toys or activities

Child leads the play and the parent or carer follows

Parent does not tell the child what to do or ask them to do anything

Parent or carer can join in if asked to

Parent or carer sits alongside the child during playtime

Parent gives the child their full and undivided attention

The playtime does have rules (covered in skill 2!!)

**The mini-kit**

A bag or shoe box with a selection of toys or activities

Chosen for the child by the parent or carer

These toys don’t have to be new but are not part of the child’s usual toy collection

No more than £5!!!