

Play Route-map Planner

Unoccupied Play

Children seem to be making random movements with no clear purpose; but this is the initial form of playing (from birth to 3 months)

Explores self and objects within reach

Handles, mouths 'toys', bangs, shakes, hits

Sensorimotor Solitary Play

Activities provide sensory feedback, how things taste, feel, sound, smell, not only shakes a rattle but sucks it, feels it (from 3 months)

Plays with 1 stimulus/object/material/'toy'

Plays with a range of stimuli object/material/'toy'

Engages with similar stimuli/object/material/'toy'

Engages with different stimuli/object/material/'toy'

Plays with toy to produce effect (cause & effect toys)

Observes other child's play (spectator or onlooker play)

Neuro typical age up to about 12-18 months

Engages in Solitary Play

Neuro typical age 6 -12+ months

12-18 months combines onlooker and solitary play

Engages in Parallel Play

Neuro typical age 24 - 36

Parallel Play

Copies others play

Towards associative play

KEY

Acquisition	Responsiveness
Develop Fluency	Curiosity Discovery
Consolidation	Anticipation Persistence
Generalisation	Initiation Investigation

Notices other child's/children's play

Briefly watches other child's/children's play

Observes other child's/children's play with interest

Engages in in play for brief periods of time (0-15secs)

Engages in play for longer periods of time. (15-30secs)

Engages in play for sustained periods (5mins one toy (5-10mins more than one toy)

Briefly begins to engage in parallel play near others, enjoys the presence of others, shy with strangers

Fully engages in parallel play

Begins to play with similar stimuli/object/material/'toy'

Plays with similar stimuli/object/material/'toy' for sustained periods

Copies play with adults

Copies play with other children