**Further turn-taking techniques**

Many children struggle with the concept of taking turns and always want to be first. Waiting for your turn is difficult when you’re young – and sometimes when you’re not so young. We often think of this as something we do as part of a game or sharing the swing in the playground and that is true but there are many other opportunities to try to instil this in our children throughout the day.

**With a child’s name in each quadrant, use the arrow to point to the child whose turn is next**.

**Make it visual**

Provide turns for who will be at the front of the queue when the group prepare to enter school and move from room to room. A chart on the wall with an arrow pointing to the name.

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| Our leader |
| Russel |
| David |
| Kathy |
| Amil |
| Leroy |
| Ben |
| Hannah |

There are countless opportunities throughout the day such as:

* Giving out resources
* Taking the register to the office
* Holding the door open
* Distributing snacks
* Putting out equipment for play or PE
* Turns at the sand table
* Turns on the computer.

**It is always easy to miss the daily opportunities to develop an area such as turn-taking but if you begin to identify when you can build this in across the day it will pay dividends in helping children to learn to WAIT and consider the fairness of taking turns with their peers.**