

This week's skill:

Greeting Others



Greeting others is the first step in most social interactions. It is the first step towards friendship. If children do not greet others (or respond to the greetings of others), then other children (and adults), are likely to ignore them, with the result being that they miss out on valuable social experiences.

While all children go through stages when they may act shy and look away when spoken to, by the time they attend school they should be more skilled at greeting others.

If children continue to have difficulties greeting others at preschool or school, they may find that other children are less likely to play with them, while some adults may pay less attention to them.

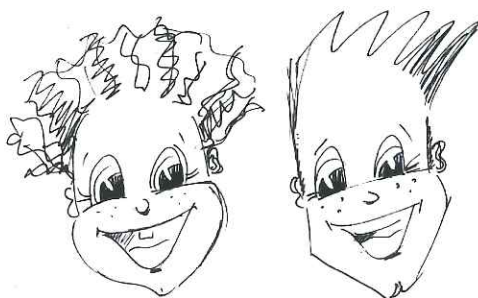
Some children may need particular help to develop the skills involved in greeting others.

What your child learnt this week

In this week's session the skill of greeting others was broken down into three steps:

1. Look at the person.
2. Smile.
3. Say 'hello' in a clear voice.

Each child was helped to practice saying 'hello' to his or her teacher, or to the puppets used in the program.



Sometimes just a smile can be enough.