

I am ready for school 😊
I can play with other children and make friends.

At this age, your child will play alongside others and will be beginning to form friendships if they are given the opportunity to see the same children, though they will still play alone often. Their imagination is really beginning to develop and this helps them when playing with others (it also explains why they sometimes develop fears around this age).



It is very important that we learn how to form and manage relationships from a young age as these lessons stay with us throughout life. Friendships are important at all ages. There will be conflict and squabbles, but they will gradually learn how to resolve these in an appropriate way. If your child is very shy or anxious, play alongside them too, so they feel safe mixing with others and their confidence will build. Some may find it all too noisy and busy, so gradually increase their time spent with others. Eventually, by age 4, most children learn to play with others. If you are concerned that there is another reason, please talk to a professional.



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