

Social, Emotional and Behavioural Milestones by Age

2 Years	3 Years	4 Years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Plays briefly beside other children, and gets excited when with other children. -Imitates others, especially adults and older children. -Shows more and more independence. -Shows defiance, such as doing what he/she was told not to do. -Begins to play with other children, as in chasing one another. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Shows concern and affection for others. -Begins to take turns when playing games. -Separates more easily from parents. -Shows a wide range of feelings. -Enjoys routines and may be upset when they are changed. -Enjoys helping with simple tasks around the house. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Plays cooperatively with other children. -Negotiates solutions to conflicts. -Prefers playing with other children than playing alone. -More creative in make-believe play. -Expresses likes and dislikes. -Seeks new experiences.
5 Years	6 Years	7 Years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Wants to please friends and copies their behaviour. -Agrees to rules more easily. -Expresses both demanding and cooperative behaviour. -Shows increasing independence. -Begin to understand embarrassment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Enjoy playing with other kids and are more conversational. -Test boundaries but are still eager to please. -Try to explain their feelings with words rather than actions. -Understand others' feelings and can be sensitive towards them. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Are more aware of other people's perceptions. -May complain about friendships and the reactions of other kids. -Manages emotions better, especially in public places. -Describes the causes and consequences of emotions.