# What ShREC looks like in the Domestic Role Play Area

## Share attention

- Sit alongside and join in their play.
- Notice the details and what they are doing.
- Watch how they are using the resources.
- Follow their focus (cooking, caring, serving, etc.).
- Notice how they are imagining and pretending.
- Give them time to explore without interrupting.

"You're making a lovely meal."
"I can see you're making a cup of tea."
"Who is coming to the party?"
"You've added the baby to the highchair."

## Respond

- Follow their lead and ideas.
- Use comments rather than questions.
- Tune into their thinking and extend their ideas.
- Acknowledge their care, imagination and creativity.
- Avoid correcting or taking over their play.

"That looks delicious!"
"You're looking after the baby so well."
"What shall we serve at the café?"
"You've thought of everything we need."




## Expand

- Add a little more language, don't overload it.
- Model vocabulary linked to the play.
- Build on what they are saying or doing.
- Introduce new ideas or possibilities.
- Keep it short and meaningful.

"Shall we set the table for everyone?"
"We need to wash the vegetables first."
"Let's open the café now."
"Would you like some help pouring?"

## Conversation

- Link to purpose, but don't force an outcome.
- Gently connect to real-life experiences.
- Encourage turn taking and sharing ideas.
- Follow their ideas about what might happen next.
- Help them reflect on their play.

"What are we having for dinner today?"
"What happened at the shop?"
"How will we look after the baby now?"
"What was your favourite part of our play?"





ShREC helps us build strong, trusting relationships and supports deep learning through high quality interactions.