

Managing Concerns Related To Associative Play In Children



Concern

The child does not want to play with other children.

How to deal

Allow your child time and support them to bond with their peers.

Concern

The child engages in solitary or parallel play.

How to deal

Allow your child to engage in solitary play occasionally since they will usually resume associative play eventually.



Concern

The child is shy or uncomfortable with playing.

How to deal

Learn the reason behind their fear or shyness and initiate necessary actions to ensure your child is safe and comfortable.

Concern

The child prefers watching rather than playing.

How to deal

Allow your child to observe and instill confidence in them to engage in play.



References

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