



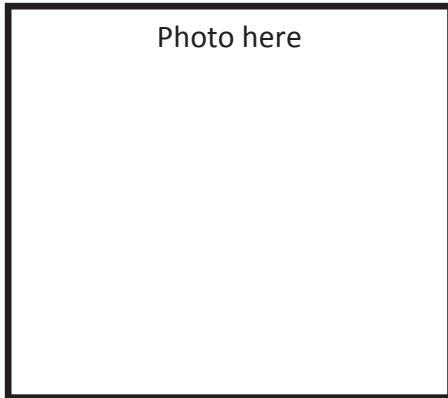
My Passport to Play



My name is.....



and this is what I look like when I'm feeling playful:



I feel playful if: *(this could be things like I'm comfortable, I'm out of my chair, you're tuned in to me, I know you well, etc.)*

You can tell if I'm enjoying myself by: *(this could be things like I'll raise my eyebrows, I'll giggle, I'll sign 'more')*

People who make me feel playful are: *(this could be names of actual people or people who are lively, people who know me well, people who sing, etc.)*

I like it when people: *(this could be things like tickle my toes, sing 'row the boat', etc.)*

I like to be playful with: *(this means which toys, objects, etc.)*

I like to watch: *(this could be other children, things that swing, things that sparkle, etc.)*

Children I like to be playful with or near are: *(this could be names of known children, siblings, cousins, classmates, older children, more able children, etc.)*

My favourite playful thing is: *(this could be something like being tickled, peepo, or it could be my shiny mobile, etc.)*

If I don't want to be playful any more I will: *(this could be things like I'll turn my head away, I'll close my eyes, I'll scream, etc.)*

I'm not likely to feel playful if: *(this could be things like I've just had a seizure, I'm hungry, I'm tired, I don't like you, etc.)*

I am frightened by: *(this could be water, balloons, loud noises, etc.)*

Please remember: *(this could be something like I can only see you if you are close to me, I love rough and tumble, etc.)*

Children with profound and complex needs can shine and be more playful if the people around them:

Start by being prepared, positive and flexible

Have opportunities to observe, observe, observe

Initiate play if necessary, but tune in and try letting the child take the lead

Never feel in a rush to move on too quickly

Enjoy playing!

~~For more information please see: www.debbywatson.co.uk~~

With thanks for the artwork to Bryony Budd and Jade, Katy and Ben from the Listening Partnership, Bristol