### **Binoculars and Sunglasses**



Wearing dark sunglasses will encourage your child to look at you.

Try looking through two toilet / kitchen roll tubes.

## **Bubbles or balloons**

Help your child to follow toys / objects with his eyes.



If your child is watching your face when you are blowing bubbles or blowing up balloons, wait for him to look at you between each breath.

# **Songs and Rhymes**

Any of your child's favourite songs or rhymes are good for helping to develop eye contact.

Stop singing occasionally and wait for your child to look at you before you continue.

> You could try 'Twinkle Twinkle', 'Wind the bobbin' or any that you enjoy!





## Hiding Games and 'Boo!'

Wave a coloured scarf / cloth up and down. Lift it high and let it fall on your head.

Wait for your child to pull it off and say "boo" or "peek-a-boo"!

#### **Useful Information**

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## Top Tips for Developing Eye Contact



Here are some helpful ideas and tips to develop your child's eye contact