

# Attention & Listening

**Sound location games** Children often need to practise listening to a range of different sounds to develop this skill.

## Activities try:

- **Everyday sounds:** Sit together in a group and talk about the sounds you can hear around you, e.g. cars on the road etc. or go on a sound walk and identify the sounds you can hear inside and outside.
- **Everyday sounds:** collect a range of everyday objects that make a sound when handled, e.g. keys. Put these in front of the children. Then one child is asked to close their eyes (or cover their eyes) and make a noise with one of the items. The child has to identify which object was used.
- **Location of keys:** All the children sit in a circle. One child is chosen to sit in the middle blindfolded with keys on floor next to them. Another child is chosen to go and move the keys. The blindfolded child has to identify and point to the location/direction they can hear the sound coming from.
- **Noisy toy:** find a noisy toy or object (e.g. a loud ticking clock) and hide it around the room and the child/children have to find the noisy object. You can then extend this by having quieter toys and 3 boxes that will be turned upside down. Encourage the child to have his eyes closed when you hide the toy in 1 of the 3 boxes you have turned upside down so they have to rely on their listening skills only.

