

# 5 ways you could support your child as a PYP parent

As an essential member of your child’s learning community, you play an important role helping them take their learning deeper. Here are 5 simple ways you can support your child’s learning at home. Whether it is the more formal learning connected to their schooling, or the incidental, unplanned learning through play, exploration and life experience; these 5 strategies will help you, help your child become a lifelong learner.



**Take an inquiry stance**

**MEET A QUESTION WITH A QUESTION**  
How could you find that out?

**BE PREPARED TO INQUIRE TOGETHER**  
Let’s figure it out together!

**ASK AN OPEN-ENDED QUESTION**  
What do you notice?

**BE A LEARNER**  
Here is how I’m going to find out

**Support conceptual understanding**

**VALUE PROCESS**  
How did you do that?  
Why did you do that?  
What strategy did you use?

**HARNESS THE POWER OF KEY CONCEPTS**  
What does it look like? [Form]  
\*Turn page for key concepts\*

**Prioritise reflection**

**GET THEM THINKING ABOUT THEIR THINKING**  
How do you know?  
What makes you think that?  
Is there another way that you could do that?  
What did you find easy or challenging? Why?

**Support your child’s agency**

**INVITE AND INVOLVE THEIR VOICE**  
Let them express themselves

**SUPPORT THEIR CHOICES**  
What choice are you making for yourself as a learner?

**EMPHASISE OWNERSHIP**  
You’re in the driver’s seat

**Give feedback that goes beyond the moment**

**TEACH THE LEARNER, NOT THE LEARNING**  
Move from asking How are you doing? to Where to next?

**GIVE SPECIFIC FEEDBACK ON THE PROCESS**  
I like how you did... What might you try doing next?

# Using PYP Key Concepts

To extend learning, these questions work for everything and every time.

## whether looking at...

An exclamation mark  
A mathematical equation  
The gears on a bike  
A weather pattern

A structure of government  
Kicking a ball  
A bridge  
The periodic table

A flower  
An event in the news  
A scene in a film  
**Anything!**



**Form**  
What is it like?



**Function**  
How does it work?



**Connection**  
How is it connected to other things?



**Change**  
How does it change?



**Causation**  
Why is it like that?  
Why is it the way it is?



**Perspective**  
What are the different points of view?



**Responsibility**  
What are our responsibilities?