

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?