



IB PYP For Parents

How can you support your child's PYP experience?

1. Review our school's [Programme of Inquiry](#) and let us know if you have an interest or expertise related to our written curriculum. We might be able to use you as a valuable resource during one of our units of inquiry.
2. Ask children about the theme, central idea, and concepts into which they are inquiring... show interest in their units of inquiry and plan activities around them whenever you can.
3. Encourage your children to “discover” rather than telling them answers. This will foster lifelong self-efficacy that will benefit them inside and outside school.
4. Bring the [IB Learner Profiles](#) home by incorporating the language of the ten attributes. Discuss the attributes in regards to yourself and others, and encourage your child to reflect on which traits are their strongest and those which they need to enhance.
5. Foster independence in your child by supporting them with school projects and problem-solving interactions with others, versus doing the work for them. This will give them the confidence needed to thrive and grow.
6. Check out this PYP Parent brochure from the International Baccalaureate Organization for more ideas: [PDF PYP for Parents.pdf](#)
7. Focus on the learning process rather than the product. Ask questions that deepen their learning and inspire further questions. Try asking questions like:
 - What did you learn today that made you want to keep finding out more?
 - What don't you understand yet?
 - What new questions do you have now?
 - Have your ideas or thinking changed? Why?
 - What different opinions/views are there on this subject? What's your opinion and why?

- Can you explain your learning in different ways?
- How does your learning connect to the local/global world?
- What do you want to learn more about?
- What can you already do?
- What will you work on next?
- What can you do to become a more effective learner?

8. Help your child develop the IB Approaches to Learning by using these questions:

Approaches to Learning	Examples of questions to support your child
Thinking Skills	• I wonder what would happen if you ...? • I wonder why you chose...? • Why do you think...? • How do you know...? • What do you think made this happen?
Research Skills	• I wonder what would happen if you ...? • How can we find out more about...? • What do you think will happen next?
Communication Skills	• Will you tell me about what you are doing? • What happened when you...? • How could you share your learning with ...? (e.g. talking, drawing, writing)
Social Skills	• Can ... do anything to help? • Can ... join in? • How could ... help you solve this problem? • What would ... do in this situation? • When you have finished with the ..., can ...have a turn?
Self-Management Skills	• What might be another way to solve this problem? • Is there another way to try this? • What might be your next step?