

TIP 5



Show Interest In Your Child

Chat with your child about what happens at school, and show how excited you are at their stories.

School is about more than grades. Check in daily with your child about how they're feeling and what they're learning. Remember that it's about the process, not the results, and help them feel how energising change and new experiences can be.



Off To The Library

Help your child learn to love reading. Take them to the library often and let them choose books that get them excited. Expose them to books in both English and their Mother Tongue.





Decorate the books below
with your favourite titles
and record the date of visit



Want to know more about what books to read?
See the insert in the pocket.

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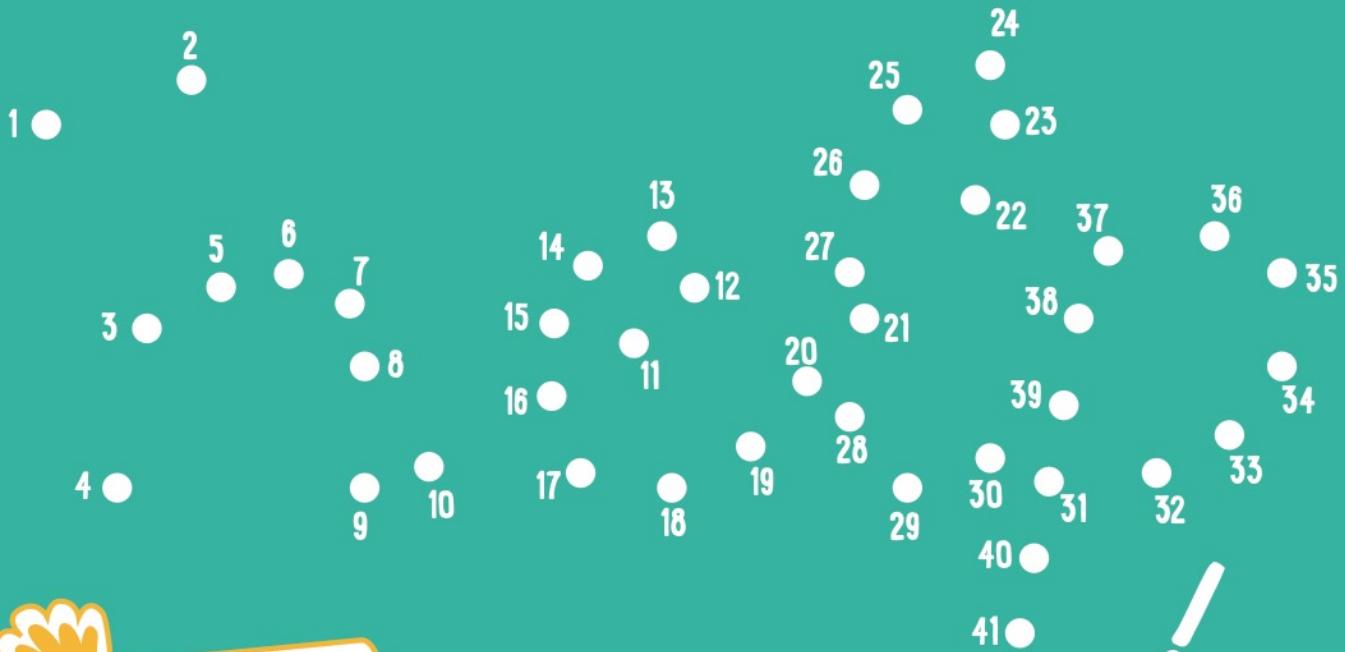
Time To Let Go!

Let your child discover how to make their own way to success.

Sometimes, they learn best through making mistakes and sorting out their own problems. It can be scary, for them and for you, but this will shape how your child tackles problems. It's okay to let them stumble and get up again – to take on the world!

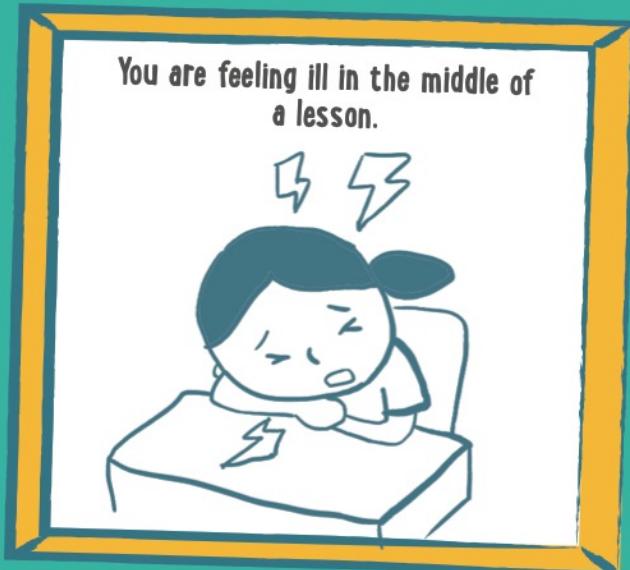


Ask For

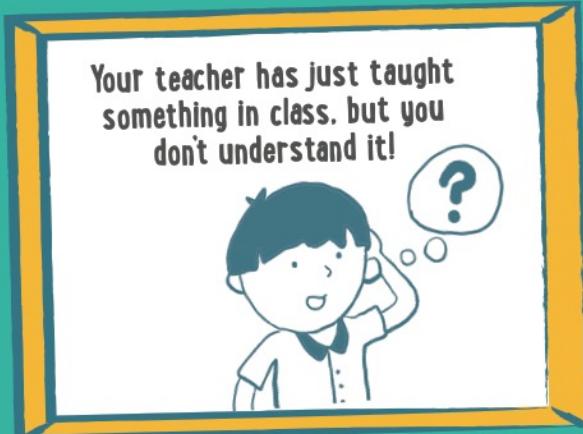


Here are a few situations your child might find themselves in at school. Ask them what they would do in these cases. Where possible, let them practise asking for help. You (the parent) can play the role of an adult in school.

 Your child looks to you to model how to learn - show them how they can ask teacher for help.



You are feeling ill in the middle of a lesson.



Your teacher has just taught something in class, but you don't understand it!



School is over, but nobody has come to pick you up.



You have to hand in a consent form today, but you forgot to bring it to school.

 Guide your child to independently manage their emotions and behaviour, and respond to changes as well as challenges.



After getting home, you realised that you have received the wrong change when buying food at the canteen.



You fell down as one of your classmates pushed you while playing catching.



Talk to your child and show them how you can disagree politely and still be good friends.

You had an argument with a classmate.



One of your classmates has been calling you names.



When told about something bad that happened in school, show your child how to manage such situations - stay calm and check for facts with the school.

TIP 7



Team Up With Teachers

When parents and teachers partner up,
we can do more for each child than we
could alone.

Using the suggested modes of communication, chat with your child's teachers about how they are doing and what they are learning in school. This lets you and the teachers support your child better in school work and character development.
Have you thought of joining in at school events? This lets you see your child in action!

Are You A “Good” Student?

Your child might think that being a good student is only about doing well academically – but we know it goes beyond that. Here are some questions to spark a chat about what it means to be one:



Join the dots to
form the student

Do you have to be the
“best” at something to
be a good student?

How does a good student
behave in class?

Is it just about doing
well in your schoolwork?

What does a good
student’s work look like?

What values does a good
student practise?

How does a good
student talk to his
or her teachers?

If you have failed a
spelling test, does that
make you a bad student?



You can share your own experiences as a student and ask
your child whether they think you were a good student!

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Every Child Is Unique

Love them for who they are. Every child can achieve success in their own ways when parents and teachers work hand-in-hand.

Does your child adapt quickly to primary school? Does he or she need more time? Does he dream? Does she love to read? Do they love learning new things? Every child has his or her own strengths! Use this section to celebrate what your child loves to do.

Likes And Dislikes

Which activities and subjects does your child prefer? Which don't they like? Knowing your child's preferences helps you figure out their strengths and support their learning, too.

Ask your child about their subjects and activities. They can point out how they feel on the scale below.



These follow-up questions might encourage them to share more:

What do you enjoy about it?

Why don't you like it?

How can we help you to improve in this area?

TIP 9



Be A Great Role Model

Children's first teachers are their parents and you remain their teachers for life. Education begins at home.

Children learn by observing you. They treasure time with Mummy and Daddy. Time spent playing and exploring with you creates so many opportunities to learn life's lessons. What are the values you think are most important? Talk about them with your child and show them as much of the world as you can.

What Do We Value?

Discuss what each of these values means. Ask your child to share about a time they put these values into action or saw others doing so.

Share your own stories too – about how you and other family members, or your colleagues at work, put your values into practice.



RESPONSIBILITY

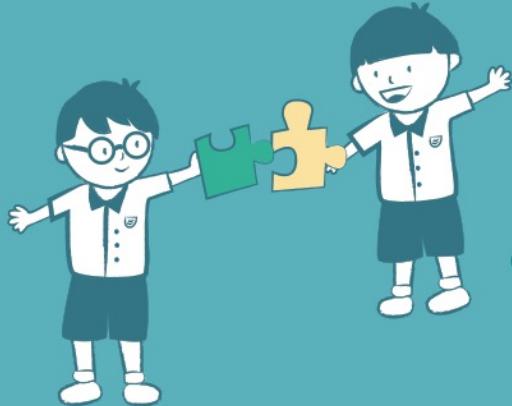
Doing what you say you will do



INTEGRITY

Doing what is right, even if no one is looking





RESPECT

Being polite and kind
to everyone

CARE

Looking after
those around you

RESILIENCE

Trying hard even when
something is difficult to do

HARMONY

Working well with others

(Practise)

What Should I Do?

Discuss with your child what they would do in these situations. Play them out with your child and see if they know what to do.

Hmmm... What would I do if...

Someone walking in front of you drops \$10 on the ground.



Your friend asks to see your answers during a test in class.



You're on a public bus. An old lady boards. The bus is full and she is carrying a heavy bag. She is standing in front of you.



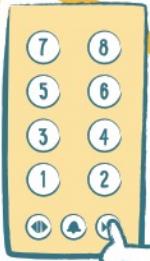
You see a classmate sitting alone at recess.



A classmate has forgotten to bring his or her pencil case.



You're doing your work in class and find it quite tough. Your friend isn't able to help you.



Your neighbour enters the lift. Her hands are full of shopping bags. It's hard for her to press the button.

After you paid for your food, the auntie at the stall gives you too much change.

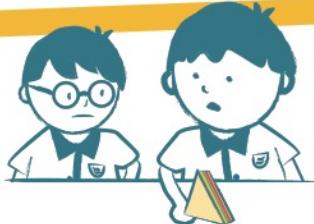


Water is flowing from an open tap in the toilet or canteen.

At recess, your friend finished his food and left the plastic wrapper on the table.



Two of your friends are getting angry at each other. They look like they are about to fight.



Your friend has no pocket money for recess.

Hooray!
You've thought it through!



TIP 10



Let's Help Out At Home

When children help with household duties, they learn to take care of the people and things around them.

Your child is learning to be a responsible young person. In school, they might be asked to take on simple tasks like helping to clean the classroom. Chores like that will help your child learn that everyone plays a part in keeping our environment clean – a lesson they can take home too!

Housework Can Be Fun!

Show your child how to carry out simple household chores, then ask them to try it out. When they have done it successfully, give them a pat on the back and tick it off this list.

I Know How To:

- Sweep the floor
- Put litter in the dustbin
- Hang up the laundry
- Fold the clothes
- Wash the dishes
- Set the table
- Wipe the table
- Bring dishes back to the kitchen
- Tidy my bed
- Keep my study space neat

