

One way to get more from parent- teacher meetings is to prepare a list of questions beforehand.

Here is a quick checklist of questions to take with you when next you meet your child's teacher.

You want to show the teacher that you are interested and involved with your child's wellbeing and progress.

You are not interrogating the teacher. You just want to start a conversation.

Ask about their social life...



Do they seem happy at school ?



Do they get along with other children?



Who do they play with?



Do they ask questions or join the discussions?

Their school work (Academic)

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Which classes do they enjoy the most ?

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Which subject is their strongest?

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What can we do at home to help?

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Do they get involved in class?

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Are they at the expected level for their age group?



Asking about specifics

- **Are they making steady progress?** If the parent interview is early on in the school year this question may not be relevant yet as the teacher is still getting to know your child.
- **If they are performing below their age,** ask what areas need to be worked on and what is being done by the school to bring them up to the level required for their age group.
- **If your child is having any learning difficulties** then bring this up as well. What extra support can the school provide? What feedback can you get from the teacher implementing this support?
- **If your child is preparing for exams** – What work is outstanding? What subject areas do they need to revise? Are they on target to get the level/grade they need?