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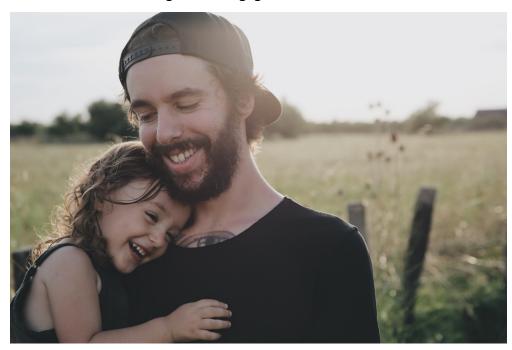
## Tip 16 – Encouraging problem-solving skills and open-mindedness.

As part of The Fathering Projects involvement with your school, I will be including helpful tips and ideas for all fathers and father – figures. I hope these tips will help, inspire and encourage all fathers and father – figures to be the best that they can be, as all fathers and father – figures are critically important in every child's life.

More involved fathers and father – figures = better outcomes for children.

- Develop your children's problem solving skills e.g. don't always provide answers to questions but encourage and help them to find the answers.
- Don't provide the answers yourself. Help the kids to discover the answers.
- Teach your children to question what they hear at school, on TV and read in newspapers help them to work out what they think is right, e.g. whilst you are all watching TV or eating dinner.

The Fathering Project is not a counselling service; we are seeking to inspire and equip fathers and father - figures to engage with their children.



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