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Your Questions:

- **1.** What do you observe to be my child's strengths?
- 2. How is my child using these strengths at school?
- 3. How do you build on or capitalise on my child's strengths at school so they can be more successful?
- 4. What are some strategies for home that I can implement to build my child's strengths?
- 5. What are my child's challenges?
- 6. How do these challenges present at school during the day?
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- 9. What is the best way for us to communicate regularly about my child's day to day progress?
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