

The ORIGINS Art Project – Guided dialogue to structure conversations with children to inform art piece and stimulate imaginative thinking.

Our art project’s aim is to capture the stories and ideas of our ORIGINS participants and their little people. We would love for you to enter drawings and works of art that show you and your children’s feelings about the world that they are growing up in, their hope and wishes for their future and their ideas of what being healthy is!

Please use some of the below questions and prompts/ conversation starters to have a conversation with your little person, to help guide them in creating an artwork to submit to our competition. (Provide examples – your child might choose to use an example that you have given to them or they might create their own – either is okay!).

1. What Is your favourite thing about being part of ORIGINS?

“You are so special because you are part of a big group of girls and boys called The ORIGINS Project. Do you remember when we went to see the ORIGINS team and they did lots of things like tickling your mouth and seeing how tall you were?”

“What was your favourite thing that you did with the ORIGINS team?”

“Is your favourite thing the ORIGINS Family Fun Day? Or do you go to the Coffee and Connect play dates?”

“Is your favourite thing the magic bubble machine or maybe it’s the stickers?”

2. Draw a picture of you helping other kids to be happy and healthy.

“What is something that you do to help keep your friends happy? Do you give them hugs? Do you help them if they have hurt their knee?”

“What do you do to help your friends if they are feeling sad or if they are sick?”

3. What is your wish for future kids?

“We are going to draw a picture of a wish today. Let’s put on our thinking caps. If you could have one magic wish for the children in the world, what would it be?”

“Would you wish for children to stop getting sick?”

“Would you wish for magical bottles of medicine that never run out?”

“We could wish for all of the Doctors and Nurses to have superman capes and they can fly to the sick children. Or we could wish that the nurses grow lots of extra arms to help them to look after lots of children at the same time?”

“My biggest wish is that dogs could be Drs and that they could live in all of our houses and help us when we are feeling unwell.”

“What would you wish for?”

While your child is drawing a picture it is good to continue to talk to them about their picture. You can write what they have drawn under their completed artwork at the end of the session. Please also add the first name and age of your child to their drawing.