**Agentic**

‘Ensuring that children have voice in their learning. Their ideas and interests initiate, support and extend learning possibilities in order to build on their real-world understandings and experiences.’[[1]](#footnote-1)

Consider the questions for reflection in terms of your own interactions with young learners. As you write your responses ask yourself how they would be evident in action to a family or visitor to the classroom.

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| **Teacher/Teacher aide behaviours** | **Young learner behaviours** | **Questions for reflection** | **My reflections** |
| **Teacher/Teacher aides may:**   * support young learners to make decisions about their own learning * respond to young learners by incorporating their ideas and interests into classroom planning and practice with the teaching team * build on young learners’ real-world understandings and experiences * provide opportunities for young learners to collaboratively plan for, co-construct and reflect on their learning. | **Young learners may:**   * make decisions about their own learning * contribute their ideas and interests to learning conversations and environments * recognise that their real-world understandings and experiences are acknowledged and valued * work in partnership with the teaching team to plan for, co-construct and reflect on their learning. | * How do I support young learners to make decisions about their own learning? * How do I respond to young learners by sharing their ideas and interests with the teaching team to be incorporated into classroom planning and practices? * In what ways do I build on young learners’ real-world understandings and experiences? * When and how do I provide opportunities for young learners to collaboratively plan for, co-construct and reflect on their learning? * How do I model processes that show respect and support for all ideas and contributions? | • |

1. Queensland Government and Department of Education (n.d.)*.* *Foundation Paper Age-appropriate pedagogies in the early years of schooling,* p.28. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)