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"A child who feels that his father is behind him does better at school," says Hasan Oulad El Haj, father of four children, in this special father's edition of Klasse voor Ouders. Nevertheless, it is usually mothers who help with homework (p. 4). How does this work in your family? Does Dad agree with this father's declaration? Will he sign up to this view (p. 6)? Hasan will, along with many famous Flemish footballers, cyclists, entertainers and regular Dads.

- ❶ We fathers do not just want to be fathers on holidays, we want to enjoy our children **all year round**. We don't only make sandwiches on Sundays.
- ❷ We fathers do not want to miss out on the rapid **development** of our children. We can read them stories, solve puzzles with them, wipe their noses and make ponytails.
- ❸ We fathers think that the **upbringing** of our children is our responsibility. We encourage our sons and daughters to live an independent and adventurous life.
- ❹ We fathers want to be there to cuddle, comfort and calm our children, whether their concerns are small or great. We want to provide them with a **safe** and warm home.
- ❺ We fathers want to combine **work, leisure and family life**. Ill children and the first day of school are concerns of fathers too.
- ❻ We fathers are interested in **school** and the talent of our children. We help them with their sums and are willing to wait in the queue at parents/teachers meetings.
- ❼ We fathers **play** with our children. We stimulate them and give them the opportunity to learn new things.
- ❽ We fathers want to contribute actively and on an **equal** footing to our children becoming adults - in pleasant and difficult moments alike.

If you agree with this father's declaration, please add your **signature and name** (and send this page to Klasse voor Ouders, Koning Albert II-laan 15, 1210 Brussels or sign on the Internet at www.klasse.be/ouders):

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