

When I Grow Up I Wanna Be...ME!!!



Why do we think children are going to be cop-cats when they grow up? Children just want to be themselves and no someone else. Children can be cheeky, conniving and a handful however they can be smart, intelligent and clever at times and they may say 'mummy I wanna be like Katie Price' or 'daddy I wanna be like Bass hunter' and you start to panic, because, yeah, they earn a nice sum of money but they don't really have that great personalities.

But, children go through stages and phases. When you actually ask them what they want to be when they grow up the answer will be totally different to what you expect, and totally different to what they say when they see people on telly.

When asked Jonathan, aged eight, said 'I want to be a gym teacher because I like teaching kids stuff and its fun to play stuff.' Lauren, aged ten, said '▲ doctor because they make lots of money and I like people. I want to be a children's doctor that doesn't give shots because I like children.'

I still ask myself – to this very day – what do I want to be? What job do I want? – So why would children know what they want to be?

With a bit of guidance and direction as they grow up, your clever children understand that the superstar lifestyle and film-star career ain't all it's cracked up to be and start to see the flaws in becoming one, therefore, look at something more realistic – artist, writer, psychologist, teacher, doctor or anything like that, something which they enjoy – to be when they are older. Just show your support and gently guide them.

But don't tell them how to live their life or that they cannot be something or do something because they'll just want to go and do it, to kindly spite you and what you loving said for their own



good. They will know what they will want to be in their own time. They aren't as dumb as they act.

When children grow up they go through stages of being different things. Some you may worry about – Katie Price, Jodie Marsh – and some you may laugh about – superhero's princesses and dinosaurs – but when it boils down to it they only really want to be themselves. They don't really want to be a celebrity that is already out there like Mary-Kate Olson or Britney Spears, if they want to be a celebrity they actually want to be the new person out there showing what they are good at and they want to be rich but we all wish to be rich and famous even when we're 40, 60 or even 80, and we want this as we can get the new, shiny object like kids just want the new, best, shiny toy that



every kid would die for.

If you went and asked your child or any child right now what they wanted to be or who their hero is I will guarantee that most children would say their hero is their parents and/or a cartoon/fiction character unless they are a teen – then they probably still say that their hero is one of their parents but they

probably have an idea of which path they want to take in life and this will surprise you as it'll be a sensible idea.

Children don't want to be someone they just like the look of the job they have.

So stop being silly and stop worrying, your cheeky children are cleverer

than they act, and only want to be themselves and their own person. So, why you worrying? Let them go through the stage and just gently guide them in the right direction.

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