

## SHAPING THE HEART OF LEARNERS DESPITE THE PANDEMIC

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The COVID-19 pandemic poses a significant educational challenge. This issue necessitates necessary adjustments. Transitioning from classroom to blended learning is a difficult process. Everybody is compelled to adopt a "new normal."

This pandemic has created a slew of complications. Many students rely on their teachers for education, and recent events have weakened the bonds between educators and students. It has impacted both parties due to the fact that adjusting to the new normal may take time.

While teachers and students do not interact in a classroom setting or learn face to face, it is still necessary to monitor students. Teachers must determine what students require in order to teach them effectively despite new modes of learning.

Despite their inability to see one another, teachers must still establish personal connections with students and parents. This is to ensure the students' safety. Being able to empathize with students emotionally, even when they are not present, can assist educators in determining what the students require. This way, educators will know which areas require additional attention. Students' emotional well-being is also critical, particularly during times when learning can be stressful.

Additionally, teachers must be creative when it comes to learning. While learning can take place virtually, students must actively participate in the online classroom. This encourages students' involvement and interaction with one another. Additionally, teachers must integrate traditional methods with new techniques and find alternative

ways for students to learn. Teachers should utilize technology to their advantage in order to teach students effectively.

Teachers should also manage their expectations, bearing in mind that some students may struggle with the new method of learning. Creating flexible deadlines can assist students in completing their assignments. Additionally, some students may be unable to adapt quickly, and teachers should place a special emphasis on them.

The "new normal" requires time and effort to adjust to. However, as long as educators continue to do their best to educate students even in the absence of face-to-face instruction, education will thrive.

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