

INDEPENDENT LEARNING PART II

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Yes, independent learning has been one of the great teaching strategies amidst pandemic, just like the initial article being discussed. The pandemic educational setup has been one of the most intriguing and stressful times for all the students, parents, and teachers.

Now that the COVID 19 hailed the vaccination and given it to almost all the Filipinos, going face to face as one of the journeys among the Department of Education becomes not merely a terrifying act but more of exciting ideal activity, since the students can meet their friends and can talk more to their former classmates.

For almost four years, the schooling among the students had been difficult, since socialization, problem-solving and physical education classes were missed the most. Talking to their comrades and BFFs were some of the activities not done live or Face to Face. With independent learning and remote teaching for the students and teachers, this becomes impossible. As the F2F becomes more and more visible, what happens to independent learning now?

Independent learning is still the main core of the educational setup since aside from the HOTS or the higher-order thinking skills among the children, independency is being taught to all the students for them to use this when they are old enough that they can start to have their own personal set up. Aside from this, independence is not only shared through academic learning but also on the practical side, even if they are not that old. Independent learning is essential and could be used as part of their lifelong learning skills.

With this, these are the following suggestion to add more purpose to independent learning even the F2F is the current educational setup.

Following health protocols should be identified veery now and then but remember to tell the students that they are not prisoners of the classroom, there are provisions of the F2F such as going to the library with teachers' permission and doing problem-solving with the group without physical contact.

Developing independence increases the students' learning chance of acquiring more academic and practical skills, hence making the lessons more fun, and interactive and increasing their critical thinking skills part.

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