

TECH-SAVVY, GADGET FRIENDLY (TEACHING CHILDREN ON PROPER USAGE OF INTERNET AND GADGETS)

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The new normal education has made a lot of difference in the lives of our learners. It has introduced various ways of learning. It has presented new platforms of education. This includes digital education- learning with the use of gadgets and internet.

In this fast-paced environment, gadgets are typically used in almost all aspects of life, including education. Online learning requires gadgets like mobile phones and computers in lessons. With this, present generation learners have more access to internet.

We should teach the learners on proper handling of gadgets and internet. In doing so, our learners may find internet and gadgets useful. If they will not learn how to handle it properly, internet will be a distraction, rather than an advantage.

Here are the things which we can guide our children.

Proper Etiquette online or “Netiquette”

-Children must learn proper attitude online. They must learn to interact accordingly with other people, even online. This is done to maintain decorum even in the digital world.

Awareness

-Parents must know the websites which they should access and which they should restrict. Learners must be aware that not all websites are beneficial to them. Some websites can be a dock for pornography and violence. These sites must be avoided.

Responsibility and Accountability

-Children must learn to be accountable and responsible users of social media. They must be mindful enough of whatever they post online. This prevents them from being reckless in using social media.

Balance

-They must learn to balance using internet and focusing on learning itself. While utilizing internet is beneficial in learning, it can also be unfavorable as it will create distraction, if not handled properly.

Control

-They must learn how to control the internet, otherwise, it will control them. They must learn understand that using gadgets has time and limitations and they should not use it all the time. This prevents them from being addicted to games like Mobile Legends and applications like Tiktok.

Internet and gadgets are helpful, if only we will use them properly for the sake of our education.

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