

## THE TEACHERS' TOUCH: WHY ARE PUPILS STILL LONGING FOR A CLASSROOM TEACHER?

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In this pandemic era, we made some adjustment for the continuity of the education process. Asynchronous learning was prioritized as blended learning breath to life. Digital platforms like Zoom and Google meet had a meteoric rise and almost all of us are utilizing this nowadays. Parents and guardians now act as home teachers and learning facilitators. However, children still look for classroom teachers...the question is why?

I have encountered several parents sharing me their sentiments. While teaching subjects is really a tasking one, another factor that seems challenging for them is motivating and encouraging their children to study. According to them, the learners still want the figure of the classroom teacher- someone who will teach and instruct them what to do. Several local tv channels and Facebook page even featured a footage of a child saying "Gusto ko na noong totoong teacher". So why are learners looking for the "teachers?"

Teachers are persons of authority.

Admittedly, parents say that most learners listen to their teachers, instead of parents, during learning. If the teacher says "Do this", pupils are more likely to obey. They also seriously follow rules imposed by teachers.

Pupils look up to Ma'am and Sir as Source of Knowledge

Pre-pandemic times, pupils listen to classroom teachers attentively to gain knowledge. Teachers give additional insights, aside from the book. Nowadays, learners have to rely on modules to learn.

Teachers have the techniques to gain learners' interest

We have motivating skills and techniques to catch the attention of our learners. We know how to praise them, encourage them, reward them and tap their potentials.

The teachers' touch is undeniable and it just shows how important it is, more on this pandemic era.

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