

FOSTERING RESPONSIBILITY AND INDEPENDENCE IN PUPILS

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Teachers have a huge responsibility when it comes to teaching students to understand and balance various aspects including freedom and responsibility. These aspects are significant to learners' personal growth and academic success. In modern days, it is very significant for the learners to learn accountability, independence, and decision-making skills because these are the key components for them to succeed in life. Teaching these qualities inside the classroom can empower students to independently face challenges that life may bring.

To teach them to be responsible for their actions, teachers should allow students to make their own decisions. If we let the student decide on their own, whether it is about the learning topics that they are going to discuss in the class or projects and performance tasks, they will be more likely to understand that there are significant impacts on the decisions that they had. Through this process, they can develop a sense of accountability, and will encourage them to thoroughly engage in their tasks. In line with this, as a teacher, our role is to guide them in evaluating and assessing things critically to lead them to a better output.

Allowing students to face challenges on their own will more likely result in stronger confidence and resilience. We should engage them in various activities that will help them to exercise self and time management. These activities can be a research project, presenting a topic and reporting in the class, and other tasks that promote independence. Also, we should be able to offer them an environment that promotes a feeling of empowerment that leads them to be independent.

Being responsible means managing and utilizing time efficiently and effectively. So setting goals, and deadlines for submissions, introducing planners, or digital notes will be a great help for them to develop these skills and qualities. Teaching them to possess these qualities is not just for them to meet expectations in school, but also, will benefit them in their future endeavors and personal lives.

Responsibility lies beyond the four corners of the school classroom, it extends to being a responsible and active member of the society. To teach them the importance of teamwork, equity, and equality, we must encourage them to get involved in the school's initiated activities which involve collaboration and also in community service that promotes the importance of the whole community as one of the important stakeholders and partners for promoting the teaching-learning process. These will lead to a realization for the students that their actions and decisions greatly affect and will impact others.

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