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ABSTRACT

In the education sector, institutions have stakeholders like teachers, students, parents, and principals but the core is the teacher who transacts the curriculum in the classroom. The teacher is the person who knows in and out of the student so, accordingly, to the situation they renovate the roles and responsibilities. Drastic change is noticed in times of pandemic where a sudden change converted the face-to-face classroom to the online classes. In the present situation, teachers are inclined to conduct the classes in online mode and converting them into net savvy and more technical mode. Teachers have to put certain extra efforts to create an appropriate environment for handling the classes, using apt methods for content delivery and finding different ways of evaluation which will be beneficial for the students to distillate more on the concept but all these will be possible only when teachers are making themselves durable. Their responsibility will be towards the students and parents by taking both of them into consideration. This paper will focus on the roles and responsibilities of a teacher during the pandemic period.

Keywords: Teacher Roles and Responsibility; Level of Education; COVID-19 Pandemic

INTRODUCTION

Students at every stage are in dilemma about the institution, teachers, students, classmates, subjects, and principal they will face. But once they encounter a teacher

who will create a conducive environment for all the students so, that they can feel calm and excited to work in every spot.

If in case, the student is feeling uncomfortable or showing certain gestures or bizarre behavior then, the accountability of a teacher in such cases enhances. Their job is to listen to them in a very calm way about the problem and then give the required recommendations to solve the student's problem. These varieties of teachers can handle all the uncomfortable situations that students are facing in their life whether in the classroom or homes etc.

ROLES OF A TEACHER

- Create an apt atmosphere for pupils.
- Keep track of the classroom environment
- Should have a positive attitude towards everyone
- Do action research in the classroom whenever needed
- Create a healthy relationship between students and their parents
- Motivate the learner to develop their ability and aspiration to learn
- Should encourage themselves to learn
- Be a role model for the students

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TEACHER

As a teacher, your responsibility towards the learner or a student's is to take them in the right direction by giving them the right suggestions regarding the course, career and etc. They are-

- Create a safe environment
- Should treat all the students equally
- Maintain the accurate records of all the learners' progress as an individual and also for future needs
- Use learning methods as per the student's needs
- In the school activities, involve the student's parents also

- Discuss the student problems with their parents
- Give feedback to students whenever the need arises
- Create a learning environment in the classroom
- Evaluate the students on a daily basis
- Promote a sportsmen spirit among themselves

All the points which are discussed above are the same for the teacher's roles and responsibilities but it keeps on changing as per the situations coming in the way.

In the present situation, COVID-19 has left an immense step in society leaving everyone to work and operate themselves through online "work from home". But in all these things students and teachers are the ones who are facing problems as many of the teachers who are not aware or not knowing much about technological use are lacking behind as compared to other teachers. So, it becomes the responsibility of a school to give knowledge about technology, and then they are able to transact their content in the online classroom where students will also be able to upgrade themselves in terms of technology. After the opening of schools and colleges, it is the responsibility of management to equip their institution with new and advanced technologies and also not to forget to take the class through the app they are using in the current period i.e., blended learning concept as it will not let them down again for making use of the learning app.

During and after lockdown, teacher's roles and responsibilities have been increasing more as compared to earlier because, in school, teachers were there for them all the time where they can discuss the problems their students face in the classroom and in homes. Teachers use to solve it by giving them the proper direction of what to do in that situation and even, they can call upon their parents for the discussion. But now, teachers are getting limited time-period where they are unable to solve student's problems they are dealing with so, students are unable to cope up with the problems coming in their way. Even they are unable to meet their parents face-to-face with which parents are unable to understand how to deal with the problems but there is a road to solve it where teachers can create the meeting one day a week or twice in a week where parents will be there instead of children, the discussion would take place, and ultimately the problem will be solved. However, the teacher performs the same roles in the online classroom but now in a different way to give information to each student at all levels.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A TEACHER AT THE TIME COVID-19

This year, every school, college, the university has been close due to COVID-19 where the teaching-learning process is taking place through online mode. The teacher is making efforts to make content delivery effective using different modes like showing the video, uploading content, making use of blackboard and whiteboard for taking views of students regarding the content or giving extra knowledge about the changes occurring in the present situation so, to make them aware of changes, different methods are used by the teacher in order to make an effective understanding among all the students.

At this time, teachers will play roles in online classrooms.

ROLE OF A TEACHER IN ONLINE CLASSROOM

✓ **TEACHING:-** In today's era, the curriculum has been transformed from traditional to modernization where all the activities carried out in the school are student-centric and so, teaching methods, techniques, curriculum, textbooks, classroom materials, and technological tools are changed accordingly. But all these things, teachers will understand when foundations of knowledge, teaching skills, pedagogy subject knowledge with practical knowledge will be given to them in an effective mode by using appropriate methods. To fill this demand, the teacher should acquire up-to-date knowledge and skills. He must prepare him before teaching a lesson. He must have the skills of introducing, explaining, asking, motivating, making reinforcement, and ending a lesson.

During this pandemic period, teachers make the use of new techniques which are available with them like jam board, whiteboard, etc with which students also share their views on that or get to know something new. Teachers assist, inspire, and encourage the learners whenever they feel so from the teacher.

✓ **EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY:-** As new technology is coming it is accepted by everyone in the country to make themselves developed in every area. In education, teachers should have sound knowledge of technological approaches in teaching. He should use both software and hardware approaches of educational technology for that teacher should know how to operate it. So, every teacher and learner should have knowledge of modern technology such as computers and digital devices. The

institutions have been provided different grants for providing computers, ICT, other resources and media labs, etc. So, the teacher can generate favorable attitudes towards the computer application in teaching-learning. During this pandemic period, teachers use all those methods for the teaching-learning process through PPT, videos, audio, flipped classroom, whiteboard, etc, but firstly teachers gain the knowledge by attending workshops, webinars and then implement all those things in the real classroom.

✓ **EVALUATION:-** Teacher has a vital role in the evaluation process. Every progress depends on the evaluation process which enables the educational system to be reliable, valuable, and acceptable. All the systems in education follow input, process, output where the quality and quantity of output must be justified with the aims decided earlier and so that the evaluation can be done. In fact, evaluation should be done during implementation and after implementation of a project and activity conducted inside or outside the classroom. The teacher prepares a balanced question paper and evaluates the answer paper correctly without any biases. For the development of the students, teachers should follow the formative evaluation procedure and summative evaluation system. During this pandemic period, teachers evaluate the students through online mode in the form of formative and summative evaluation where students are said to disclose their videos, give authority to write or type the answers in a given area, multiple-choice questions but all these depends on the question paper design. For formative evaluation, teachers conduct the unit test, continuous assessment test, and internal assessment and for summative evaluation, the teacher conducts final examination and end-term examination.

CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT:- Teacher should have a positive role in classroom management as well as the school management. Teacher's vital role in a classroom is to teach, mentor, lead, motivate, communicate, facilitate and in assigning, etc the students in which teaching, mentoring, and assigning are the natural activities which are inside the teacher; mentoring is way a teacher encourage their students to become best they can; as a leader, the teacher should fulfill the demand of an individual, group, society, and students; motivation is an instrument which keeps learners involve in learning and helps to keep classroom quit and in control; learning and teaching in the classroom predominately take place through interpersonal communication between teachers and students. Teachers should create a classroom environment as meaningful and helpful for better learning. Students will share problems with their teacher if the classroom environment is appropriate for them.

But now teachers are managing the classroom through online mode where teachers disclose videos of themself and of the students also where the same technique is applied in the online classroom as it was during the offline classroom.

RESPONSIBILITY OF A TEACHER IN ONLINE CLASSROOM

- ✓ Developing and uploading content including notes, tests, and assignments online
- ✓ To ensure all safety of students in an online situation.
- ✓ Establish and disseminate resources for class lectures and presentations.
- ✓ Providing one to one instruction to the student by encouraging interactive learning.
- ✓ Plan and implement educational activities and events online
- ✓ Evaluate students' progress through CCE
- ✓ Conducting an online parent-teacher meeting
- ✓ Able to know the status of students through meeting regarding physical health

We can't just say it is the end of the teacher roles and responsibilities towards their students as we know, in the institutions, there are different levels of education making the students have different abilities to take up the things that are prevailing in today's society so, to make them aware of it and giving proper suggestions to deal with it, the teacher needs to do stimulus variations so, that students behavior can be changed according to their mental level with which they can adjust themselves in an effective way. Any conversations or activities should always consider the specific needs of children, the guidance provided by your school, local and/or national authorities, and be based on reputable sources such as UNICEF and the World Health Organization.

LEVELS OF EDUCATION

1. **PRE-SCHOOL:-** The teachers need to tell them by demonstrating the things by following ways-

- Tell them whenever you cough and sneezes with the elbow and then wash your hands.
- Encourage them to wash hands regularly for 20 seconds and also make the track for it
- Use puppets or dolls to demonstrate symptoms like sneezing, coughing, fever; what to do if children feel sick like if their head hurts if feel hot or extra tired, and how to comfort someone who is sick cultivating empathy and safe caring behavior

- During games period make the students sit far away from one another by practicing stretching their arms out or flapping their wings so that they don't come closer

2. PRIMARY SCHOOL:- Here the students, acquire the basic knowledge and skills so, the teacher needs to be very practical while about the disease in the following ways and should involve parents also.

- Here the teachers and parents need to listen to their children/student's concerns and answer them correctly but take care of their age.

- Make them teach about how to cover the cough and sneeze with the elbow and then washing the hands for 20 seconds

- Tell them how the diseases spread when it comes into contact through demonstration

- Tell them not to go in a crowd

- Eat homemade foods

3. LOWER SECONDARY SCHOOL:- These students are in their teenage so, the teachers need to be very calm and patient while telling these things as this age child will do whatever they want but the teacher needs to collaborate with their parents so that precautions can be in control

- Whenever buying anything always sanitize the materials

- Make sure to listen to students concerns and answer their questions in a proper manner

- Emphasize that students can do a lot to keep themselves and others safe.

- Make a habit to watch the news daily regarding the disease and if any positive things come then disseminate it

- Have students make their own Public Service Announcements through school announcements and posters.

- Media literacy lessons can empower students to be critical thinkers and make them effective communicators and active citizens, which will improve their abilities to detect misinformation.

- Wear a mask and take the sanitizer wherever going outside

4. UPPER SECONDARY SCHOOL:- Again the teacher needs to tell that don't rely on the fake news; give them correct suggestion and guidance to them whenever needed; involve their parents also.

- Maintain a friendly relationship with friends, siblings, and family members
- Share everything with them about the disease and how they can control it
- Answer their questions honestly
- Make a habit to watch the news daily regarding the disease and if any positive things come then disseminate it
- Have students make their own Public Service Announcements through school announcements and posters.
- Media literacy lessons can empower students to be critical thinkers and make them effective communicators and active citizens, which will improve their abilities to detect misinformation.
- Help that person to whom you see the symptoms of coronavirus disease

CONCLUSION

Teachers act as a link between parents and students. He/she is the one who changes everything in students for their development but for that parents should also join hands with them. Only then, it will possible for teachers to mold them through which students will understand the content or extra knowledge given to them with the use of appropriate methods. When all these things will be understood by them automatically it will be beneficial for a society where students and teachers will set up a workshop, Nukkad Natak debate, and many more things, etc.

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