Opinion of Parents Conducting Online Classes for Primary School Students – A sociological Study

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Abstract: COVID-19 pandemic created disorder in our daily life and force to change the life style of people. In that one of the major problem is children's problems that affected much more on children's education. Health is more important than anything but education is also important and essential. In this pandemic period there is no chance of offline class. Covid-19 is spreading so fast and keeping physical distance and wearing marks is only the solution. In this situation opening schools is so difficult and risky job. For primary students its very tough to mange social distance keep them wear masks. Parents facing difficulty in managing their children's and also thinking of their future. Keeping this situation in mind this survey conducted on parents about online classes for students. This survey conducted on Primary School going student's parents in Shimoga city Karnataka state. Study universe of this study limited to Podar International School in Shimoga. Through the simple stratified random sampling method data collected through objective type questionnaire and their opinions about conducting online class. The main intension of the study is to know the advantages and disadvantages of online class to primary students. Primary students have no idea to use and operate such devices that used to conduct online classes. Students of primary school don't have much knowledge to operate and all the pressure will be on parents. Many of the parents have some difficulties in providing such facilities to their children's. These are the objectives taken to collect opinion of parents on conduction online classes to their primary school children's. 1. To know the opinion of parents about online class conducting to primary students. 2. To know the advantages and disadvantages of the online class.

Keywords: Children's, Parents, Online class, Primary school.

1. Introduction

COVID-19 pandemic created disorder in our daily life and force to change the life style of people. In that one of the major problems is children's problems that affected much more on children's education. Health is more important than anything but education is also important and essential. In this pandemic period there is no chance of offline class. Covid-19 is spreading so fast and keeping physical distance and wearing marks is only the solution. In this situation opening schools is so difficult and risky job. For primary students its very tough to mange social distance keep them wear masks. Parents facing difficulty in managing their children's and also thinking of their future. Keeping this situation in mind this survey conducted on parents about online classes for students.

2. Methodology and Study Universe

This survey conducted on Primary School going student's parents in Shimoga city Karnataka state. Study universe of this study limited to Podar International School in Shimoga. Through the simple stratified random sampling method data collected by 20 parents of 2nd standard students. Through objective type questionnaire data is collected and their opinions about conducting online class.

A. Objectives of the study

The main intension of the study is to know the advantages and disadvantages of online class to primary students. Primary students have no idea to use and operate such devices that used to conduct online classes. Students of primary school don't have much knowledge to operate and all the pressure will be on parents. Many of the parents have some difficulties in providing such facilities to their children's. These are the objectives taken to collect opinion of parents on conduction online classes to their primary school children's.

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B. Analysis of data

On the basis of the objectives of the study the survey was conducted. Through the questionnaire data was collected and analysed. Parent's opinion also collected in addition to the objectives.

Through conducting survey these are the opinions of the parents on conducting online classes to primary students. Throughout the survey each respondent parents of the children's cooperated well and expressed their opinion about conducting online classes to their children's.

C. Education wise distribution of the parents

The following table shows the education level the parents those children's are studying in second standard primary school. This data shows how difficult to uneducated and low education level parents to support their children at the time of online class.

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Table 1
Education wise distribution of parents

Education level	Frequency	Percentage
Uneducated	00	00
Below 10th standard	00	00
Pre-University	07	35%
Graduation	08	40%
Post graduation	05	25%
Total	20	100%

The above table show that the there is a mixture of educational status of parents those children's are studying in 2nd standard of primary school. Luckily out of all respondents there are no uneducated and below 10th standard education level their percentage is zero. On other hand 35% of parents who got only pre university level education, 40% of parents graduated and remaining 25% of parents are post graduated. On the basis of this statistics many parents have difficult to access such devices that used for online classes.

D. Opinion of parents on conducting online class

The following table shows the clear opinion of parents on conducting online class to their children's. According to their opinion many parents unaware of using such devices that used in online class. Many parents don't have computer education to support their children's at the time of online class.

Table 2
Opinion about conducting online class to primary students

Opinion	Frequency	Percentage
Yes	0	--
No	20	100%
Total	20	100%

Above table shows that 20 out of 20 parents who involved in this survey think that online class is not a good move for primary school students. This shows 100% parents oppose the online classes for primary school students. In this situation already they are facing problems and how online class effect positively on students. Moreover, many parents express their opinion that they are unaware of such devices and computer that used for online class. So, all parents opinion is online class is not a best way to teach for primary students and they strongly oppose this system.

E. Hurdles to attend the online classes

The below table mainly concentrated on the hurdles that faced by the parents of primary school students. According to their opinion many of them unaware of such technologies, computer education and also they have other problems.

Table 3
Hurdles to attend online classes

Hurdles	Frequency	Percentage
Working parents	15	75%
Android Mobile and the device problem	09	45%
No internet connection	13	65%
Remote area	04	20%
Other reason not interested to disclose	05	25%

Above table statistics shows that there so many hurdles on conducting online classes to students. There are so many reasons that the parents don't want online classes for their children's. In this survey 15 parents out of 20 are working, they unable to co-operate online classes. The reason is the mobile with them and they cannot provide their mobile to their children's. And also 9 out of 20 parents had problem of android mobile and other devices that can be used for online classes like laptop and desktop. 13 parents told that they had no internet connection in their home. 4 parents stated that they live in remote area they cannot afford these facilities in this lockdown and pandemic period. There are 5 parents that they don't want to disclose the reason why they are disagreeing with online classes.

F. Findings of the study
1. Majority of the parents disagree with online classes to primary school students.
2. Many parents unaware of electronic device and computer education.
3. There are so many disadvantages stated by parents.
4. Both parents working and their economic problems also major hurdle to afford such facilities to their children's.

G. Suggestions
1. In this pandemic period Government and School authorities rethink of online classes for primary school students.
2. Health and education experts must carry out some solutions to primary school education.
3. Proper training and facilities to parents and children's want to be provided by concerned authorities

3. Conclusion

Every parent wants to provide good education to their children's. Today we are in position that we are never imagined and expected. In this pandemic period health is more important than anything. Primary students are unaware of this pandemic situation and maintaining social distance and wearing mask is very difficult. Using electronic devices and operating computer is not easy for primary students. Parents' also facing so many problems in this period and it's difficult for them to afford such facilities to their children's. So until getting out of this pandemic lets everybody stand with social distancing and healthy activities. Finally we can come to conclusion that before giving proper training and facilities in this pandemic period online class not needed for primary students.

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