Lives, livelihood and normalcy were taken away from us by the pandemic. But we often forget that we were also deprived of education and learning that will determine the future of our society. Due to the pandemic caused by COVID-19, all schools around the world have been closed, almost 1.2 billion children are out of the classroom. As a result, face-to-face classes became a huge risk, especially for the lives of young children, so online learning became the most probable solution to the drought of knowledge brought by the pandemic. There is a distinctive rise of online learning wherein students will learn through the screen of their gadgets on different digital platforms with the guide of teachers.

Online classes offer more than a single form of learning, aside from the synchronous learning that is often misinterpreted as the only type, there is also an asynchronous, or self-paced, portion. Students complete homework on their own time but still need to meet weekly deadlines, a format that offers flexibility for students. Online classes can be impactful just as on classroom classes, but it is no easier than the classes offered in the traditional classroom setting, there are several reasons for this, like self-motivation.

Though online learning is a big help as a substitute for the traditional way of learning, many students still can’t afford to buy materials that are needed for online classes such as laptops, stable internet connection, and more. Therefore, education will be a struggle for the children, teachers and parents who need to face the changes brought by the new normal.
There are many difficulties to continue studying in a modern way, with the lack of supplies, many students still do not know how to use gadgets like primary students. Attention span is also one of the struggles of students, some psychologists claim the typical student's attention span is about 10 to 15 minutes long, yet most classes last 50 to 90 minutes. It is natural for student attention levels to vary according to motivation, mood, perceived relevance of the material, and other factors. But parents can opt for modular learning, where modules will be provided by the school for free. In this upcoming school year, parents will have a vital role as educators who will help their children to survive and thrive during online classes.

Education through our screens is a solution to continue studying in this time of pandemic, but in order to make this successful, students should be motivated. Therefore, teachers and parents should give their full support to educate children how to adapt to the ever-changing times that our society needs to face.

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