Why Is Education Important?

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Of the many hardships parents have to deal with in the new normal, the convenience and sustainability of modular learning is still a question most parents have no answer to. In the past year, I've encountered a number of parents stressing over the effectiveness of the modules being handed over to their children, with doubts about the delivery of the content, the comprehensiveness of the subject material, and the manner in which the children understand and apply the things they've learnt to their own lives.

As an educator, this is rather worrisome. Not only does this sow doubt into the minds of the people responsible for paying for their children's education, but also the pupils that have yet to fully cope with the demands of modular learning. The foundations of our future generation's education should be of the utmost importance, to move further away from this ideal only serves to alienate the future driving-force of our country at large. We cannot continue going down this path wherein we faithfully hope for better days, when, in fact, we blindly lead our very children on a path which promises nothing but false hope and security. Our schools and the education we provide as educators should be regarded as a safehaven for our children to grow and prosper. Is not education the lifeblood of the country and the future we so desperately look forward to? Sadly, this is not so much the case, and it saddens me deeply knowing that there are far better alternatives that exist that have yet to see the light of day.

To turn a blind eye to the current situation of our educational system would mean offering up all the optimism for what our children could achieve in the distant future; it would mean giving up the joy of learning and the curious exploration and creative imagination; it would mean taking pride in a vessel filled with holes and its imminent plunge into the depths of the unknown.

Lastly, to value our children means valuing the education that they receive, for their means of perceiving and navigating throughout life's obstacles are influenced by the things they learn, encounter and experience on a daily basis—never has there been a more wonderful experience than seeing the world through a child's eyes: unrestrained, boundless, and limit-less.