

# Education Ministry releases guidelines for parent participation in home-based learning

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The Union Education Ministry recently released guidelines for parents and caregivers on how to provide support to children and facilitate their home-based learning at a time when schools are closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The guidelines emphasised the need for parents to create a safe, engaging and positive learning environment for children, have realistic expectations from them, take care of their health, ensure a healthy diet, and have fun, a statement from the ministry.

## **Key Highlights**

- These guidelines are meant not only for parents but also for caregivers, other family members, grandparents, community members and older siblings engaged in promoting the welfare of children.
- The activities suggested in the guidelines are in accordance with the various stages of school education under National Education Policy 2020, the statement by the ministry said.
- Age-appropriate art activities have been categorized on basis of 5+3+3+4 system such as Foundation Stage (age 3 to 8 years); Preparatory Stage (age 8 to 11 years); Middle Stage (age 11 to 14 years); and secondary stage: From Adolescent to Adult (age 14-18 years).

- The activities are simple and suggestive, which can be adapted and adopted to local needs and contexts.
- The guidelines appreciate the role of art as a therapy for children under stress or trauma, the statement said.

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