

Find a middle ground

"The most effective teacher often finds a middle ground, combining practicality and sensitivity. They adapt their approach to suit the needs of individual students and the context of the lesson. A practical educator should be able to recognise when a student requires emotional support while a sensitive friend should know when to provide clear guidance and academic structure. This holistic approach fosters well-rounded individuals."



Meenakshi Dhawan, AIS Gur 43

Best of both worlds

"The effectiveness of a teacher lies in their ability to be both a practical educator and a sensitive friend. To inspire the students to grow academically while also helping them develop into well rounded individuals is a quality that a good teacher possesses. In fact, successful teachers strike a balance between these two roles and help their students reach their full potential."



Priyanka Nayak, Amitasha Gur 46

Show the way forward

"Sensitive teachers not only impart education; they also understand the students' mental and spiritual growth. They acknowledge the feelings a child expresses, and they try to help as much as they can in finding solutions to problems. Since they show the way forward, a sensitive teacher is indeed a child's best friend."



Neelam Sharma, AIS Saket

Best role model

"The most effective teacher is one who can combine the elements of a practical approach with the qualities of a dear friend. Students think of their teachers as their role models and are inspired by them, hence it is imperative that teachers should be able to have qualities of both a practical educator and a sensitive friend."



Sonia Gaur, Amitasha Noida

Conversation is key

"This generation has no dearth of educators. Apart from school educators, they have private tutors, Google, ChatGPT etc., but what they all lack is a real connection. Teachers need to understand we can no longer 'talk at' but need to 'talk with them'. We must recognise the value of relationship building, as this creates an environment of loyalty where we can suggest innovative ideas. A friendly teacher would listen deeply and motivate adroitly. In a world that is filled with judgements, this friend can provide solace."



Manisha Batra, AIS MV

Forming their individuality

"When a child feels overly stressed, s/he can choose a wrong path in life. Only a teacher has the sensitivity to guide the child and show them the true meaning of life as it is only in student life when one's individuality is formed. From the values imparted at home to the ones provided by teachers and friends in school, all help to make the child a good citizen. If there is a need to develop sensitivity among students, we must show them the same kindness. If appropriate measures are taken, children will be raised to become caring, kind, compassionate, and egalitarian human beings."



Amita Kushwah, AIS Gwalior

Don't take a binary approach

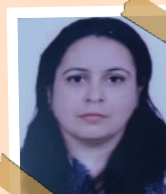
"The decision between taking a practical approach or being a sensitive friend is not a binary one. Skilled teachers understand the value of striking a balance between these two approaches, adapting their methods to suit the unique needs of each student and situation. They recognise that different students may require different levels of support and guidance, and they are able to adjust their teaching style accordingly. By combining elements of structure and discipline with empathy and understanding, teachers can create a dynamic and effective learning environment that promotes both academic achievement and personal growth."



Geetika Nawani, AIS Saket

A congenial classroom

"An age-old predicament for teachers has been whether they should be friendly with their students or not. But in my opinion, being friendly with students definitely leaves a positive impact on their lives. It makes them less nervous in voicing their opinions and concerns. As I am a friendly person, my students always look up to me as a mentor and share their personal problems and dilemmas. I, too, have fond memories of teachers who helped me in my school days, and it automatically leaves a smile on my face."



Sonia Rao, AIS Vas 1

A supportive environment

"The advantages of the practical educator approach are evident as these fulfil the mission and vision of a school. Students benefit from a structured curriculum and gain a strong foundation in their studies. But this sometimes creates a rigid and monotonous environment. Hence, sensitive teachers create a nurturing and supportive classroom environment. With such teachers, students open up readily, showing acceptance for their weaknesses and find ways to work on them. Students who are otherwise vulnerable, feel valued, heard, and understood."



Mili Garg, AIS VKC Lucknow

Weaker kids need attention

"A teacher should be sensitive towards his students, only then s/he will be able to treat everyone equally and will be successful in increasing self-confidence in all. Not every child is the same when it comes to academic progress. Hence, if special attention is not given to weaker children when they are in school, these children will not be able to survive in the future. Every teacher does the work of imparting education, but children remember those teachers throughout their life who have given them love and care."



Dipti Singh, AIS Jagdishpur

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