

Every teacher is a friend first

Showing Kindness And Empathy Is As Important As Imparting Knowledge

A friend in need

"During my journey as a teacher, I have had the opportunity to interact with students of different age groups. In all these enriching experiences, one thing has been constant - different children communicate differently. I believe that what differentiates a good teacher from a great one is the connection and compassion they share with students. A teacher must stand beside their students in times of crisis, guiding them like a true friend."

Nivedita Verma, AIS Noida



Nurturing personal growth

"Being a sensitive friend to my pupils has made me realise that education is not about facts and figures but also about nurturing personal growth. There are many benefits of being a sensitive friend. Learners are more likely to get engaged and motivated. They feel more comfortable in expressing their concerns and feelings. However, the best teachers are the ones who can combine the practical approach with sensitivity to create an environment that fosters happiness, academic growth, and emotional well-being."

Geeta Joshi, AIS Gur 46



Assets for society

"Practical educators aim to prepare students to effectively navigate the challenges and demands of the real world by providing them with the tools they need to succeed in practical situations. On the other hand, a sensitive friend is someone who can offer emotional support in a compassionate and caring manner. I believe that an educator must be a blend of both. A teacher should be able to strike a balance and work on the pupils in such a way that they are equipped with academia and are also an asset to the society due to their virtues."

Surinder Kaur, AIS Mohali



Relationship of trust

"Establishing a relationship of trust and friendship enables students to develop a bond with their teachers. Every year, several Special Education children enroll for the subject of Home Science. They often feel scared because no one makes the effort to listen to them. In such cases, by becoming their friend, I can understand their fears and at the same time, maneuver a strategy to help them overcome these fears. Teachers must make their students develop a character that would help them not only to excel in the chosen field but also make the world a better place."

Anju Middha, AIS Gur 46



Nurturing human values

"In today's fast-paced world, it is not a bad thing to be practical, but I personally believe that if I have chosen to be a teacher, and if I think that I am nurturing the future generations of our country, then it is my responsibility to be sensitive towards my students. When we become friends with our students, they not only study well, but they also imbibe better values."

Sujata, Amitasha Saket



Tailoring teaching strategies

"I firmly believe in being friendly with my students because they are more likely to ask questions and take risks when they feel understood, valued, and supported. They seek clarifications and actively participate in discussions. By being a sensitive friend as a teacher, I can better understand the unique needs, strengths, and challenges of each student. This knowledge enables me to tailor my instructional strategies and provide personalised support. By creating a safe and nurturing environment, teachers can enhance students' confidence, motivation and overall well-being. In an ideal scenario, a teacher can strike a balance between these two approaches."

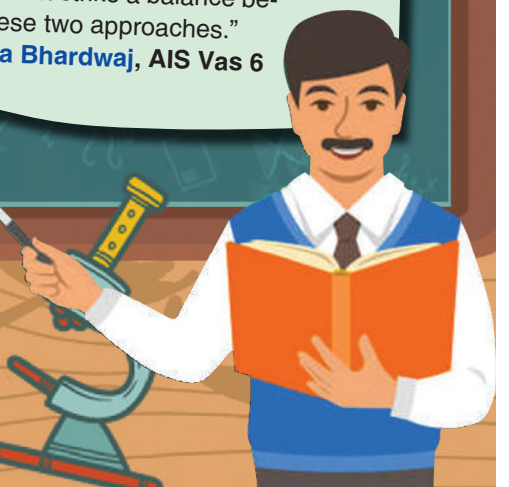
Bhawna Bhardwaj, AIS Vas 6



Understanding the balance

"Teaching is a profession which requires a blend of both head and heart. Practical education emphasises the importance of delivering knowledge and skills while the role of a sensitive educator is to provide emotional support. Both are equally important and complement each other."

Parul Gupta, AGS Noida



Topic

In your opinion, what is more effective for a teacher - being a practical educator or a sensitive friend?