



### Não deixa a ciência e tecnologia impedir a comunicação

Ciência e tecnologia fazem a nossa vida mais conveniente, mas se os pais não têm atitude apropriada em utilizar ciência e tecnologia, intenção para criar boa relação entre pais e filhos, a consequência nociva vai surgir. Os novos meios de ciência e tecnologia acima referidos, são todos favoráveis para a educação dos filhos, especialmente, a comunicação entre os pais e filhos ou não?

Os especialistas querem lembrar os pais que dar demasiada atenção a classificação, negligenciar cuidado de sentimento só aumentam a pressão dos filhos e a distância entre pais e filhos; a confiança mútua é afectada e os filhos jovens que querem sempre mais autonomia são especialmente assim. Como o período de adolescente inicia, a relação entre filhos e outros membros da família muda: os jovens querem ter mais espaço para acção individual, mais tempo com os amigos. Os filhos com alto sentimento de valor pessoal, os pais sempre adoptam o modelo de aceite para dar-se com os filhos, tentam menos fazer controle. A atitude passiva para educar os filhos, o processo interactivo

obrigatório vão iniciar baixa dignidade, acto de ataque e problemas na escola dos filhos por causa de impaciência dos pais e avaliação negativa sobre os filhos.

Os pais devem pensar se chegam a casa depois do trabalho, ligam o computador e sabem os filhos não terem aprovação na escola, vão ou não acordar os filhos que estão no sonho e repreendê-los? Quando os filhos chegam a casa, querem ter cumprimento de carinho dos pais; mas se os pais sabem na internet que eles chagam atrasados e reprovam no exame, ao entrarem na porta, os filhos são censurados severamente; eles vão pensar que os pais vigiam-nos todos os dias, não têm privacidade em qualquer momento. Os filhos provavelmente pensam que os pais já sabem tudo sobre a vida deles na escola, então não têm interesse contar o que eles pensam vale a pena contar. Neste caso, a relação entre os filhos e os pais vai tornar tensa, impedindo a comunicação mútua.

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## To Communicate by Heart No Mechanical Watch and Control

Every parent hopes that his children can grow up healthily and achieve success in future. Therefore, parents plan and strive to pave a smooth growing road for their children. Parents expect more on their children will care more about their studies and express more aggressively on their education.

### Does it need to watch and control children in "All-weather"?

"All-weather" parents care about the states of their children in all time: This morning he/she is five minutes late to go to school, will he/she be late for class? This morning the weather is cooler, does he/she dress enough? Now he/she is in physical education class, will he/she be hurt? What is the test result for today? It is after school and he/she has not returned home yet. Where is he/she?.....Parents hope that they can see and can hear from remote distance so that they can watch and control children's act and know clearly the situation of their children, especially for infants.

I had watched a western film named "Eagle Eye". In this film, the artificial intelligent supercomputer controls every electronic equipment and machine of the whole city. Also it is connected to the camera of closed-circuit television in every corner of community. It is capable of monitoring the activities of the target person from everywhere. Maybe some parents hope to have this kind of high tech product so that it is easier for them to watch and control their children. In fact, nowadays it is not difficult to achieve "All-weather" monitoring.







### High technology helps parents to know clearly the states of their children

In recent years, the educational community of neighbouring Hong Kong put great efforts on the development of electronic campus. Almost every family has an internet account for checking the learning situation of their children. No matter where and when, the parents only have to surf on internet to know the situation of their children in school including records of school attendance and submission of homework. It is heard that network cameras are installed in some of classrooms of kindergarten, allowing parent to watch the realtime situation of their children in classes. To my knowledge, some of the schools in Macao also strive for the development of electronic campus. Parents can find records of attendance, study results, homework and fixtures conditions of classrooms of their children by surfing on schools web pages. Some parents express that it is convenient for them to check from the "Student Handbook" whether their children fail to submit homework.

There are some alike technological methods in Japan. According to the report of newspaper, one of the companies in Japan invented a kind of student card which was installed with chips to record the situation of students on duties: when students enter school, they pass the scanner and the time is recorded. At the same time, the parents will receive e-mails through their mobiles or computer informing them that their children are arriving school. The same, when students leave school and pass through the scanner, the parents are able to estimate at what time their children will arrive home.

In Finland, the Government passed a law in 2003 allowing parents to use mobiles equipped with GPS to trace the acts of their children. This law regulates that parents must obtain the permission of children who are fifteen or over fifteen years old but not for children below fifteen years old. Besides parents can track their children in all places without their permission if emergency situation happens.

In recent years, America puts great effort to develop related technological methods. According to the report of 《New York Times》 one of the companies "ParentConnect" has 20 millions of secondary and primary students users in their web platform, which is 40% of all secondary and primary students in America. Participating parents can check and read performances of their children in schools at real time by accessing the website of ParentConnect. These records include attendance record, record on fail to submit homework and small test results. This system is set up with reminder services for mobile to "ensure" that parents will not miss any new information. Parents even can know immediately the daily up/down grade results of their children's studies in class. Parents who are using this service express that they review three to four times a day, just like watching information of stock market. Ron Jones, the principal of Huth Middle School who brought in this service, believed that "Working Couple" was now commonplace. This real time checking function on internet strengthened the communication between family and school. Many parents in America believe that this kind of service should be extended to cover more schools especially for high schools. It is because children who are in the stage of rebellion are generally maintaining distance relationship with their parents. This real time checking function can help parents to understand the learning situation of their children.

### Do not let technology hinder communication

Technology brings convenience to our living. But if parents lack the correct attitude of using them and the motivation to manage parents-children relationship, it may bring about bad consequences. Can the above-mentioned new technological methods bring benefit to parents on carrying and teaching children, especially communication between them?

Specialists remind parents not to over-emphasize the importance of academic results of children and that lack of emotional care will increase the pressure of children; give parents-children relationship a further distance and lessen mutual trust, especially for smaller children who incline to act on their own. Following the coming of adolescence, connection between children and family members begin to change: adolescents hope to have more space for independent acts and hope to have more time to spend with their companions. For children who value individualism highly, parents always take the attitude of acceptance and try to control them less. Discouraging and disciplining attitude, forced interaction, impatience and negative assessment on children will bring about problems of low self-esteem, offensive conduct and study problems.

Dear Parents, image that when you return home after office and start the computer, only to know that your children failed in test, will you feel unbearable and wake up your children and scold him/her loudly? Generally, when children return home they hope to receive warm greetings from their parents. But when parents know from internet that their children failed in test or are late for class, they pour out a stream of scoldings when their children enter the door. Children may feel that their parents are watching them the whole day and privacy is nonexistent all the times. This child may think that since my parents already know my situation in school, it does not bother to tell them things which are otherwise worth to tell. This will cause a tense relationship between parents and children and hinder the communication of both.

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