Appraisal of Parents' Views and Supervision of Their Children's Use of Information Communication Technology

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Abstract : It is a fundamental truth that Information Communication Technology (ICT) lies at the very heart of our today's society and determines its development. The use of ICT has given a boost to the educational and mental development of an average pupil of this age far above their counterparts who lived centuries ago. Nevertheless, the present age children stand the risk of the scourge of this technology if proactive measures are not taken urgently to arrest the damages of its negative use on them. One of the measures that can be taken is supervision of children's use of ICT. This research therefore investigated parents' views and supervision of their children's use of Information Communication Technology. Descriptive design was adopted for this study. 300 parents were randomly selected. "Parents' Views and Supervision of Children's Use of ICT" was used to collect data for the study. Data collected were analyzed using percentage, mean, standard deviation and t-test. The result revealed that parents' view of their children's use of ICT is negative while supervision of their children's use of ICT is low. Recommendations were thus offered that schools and other stakeholders should educate parents on children's proper utilization of ICT and parents are urged to maintain adequate supervision on their children use of ICT.