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Influence of COVID-19 Pandemic on Academic Adjustment of Lower Basic Pupils in Irepodun Local Government Area, Kwara

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ABSTRACT

The culture of a school sets the tone for how the mission of that school will be accomplished. Against the background, this study examined the impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on academic adjustment of lower basic pupils in Irepodun LGA, Kwara state. A descriptive research design of correlational type was used to carry out the study. The population of the study comprised of all primary school teachers in the local government, the target population of the study was all the public primary school teachers in the local government area, while a sample of one hundred (100) teachers were selected from the target population using a simple random sampling technique. The instrument for data collection was a researcher-designed questionnaire. Findings showed that the majority of the respondents indicated a positive impact of COVID. 19 Pandemic on academic adjustment of lower basic pupils in Irepodun LGA, Kwara state. There is no significant difference in the check of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the academic adjustment of lower basic pupils in Irepodun LGA, Kwara state based on gender. There is a significant difference in the impact of COVID. 19 Pandemic on academic adjustment of lower basic pupils in Irepodun LGA, Kwara state based on qualification. Recommendations were made that parents should do more to ensure that the pupils have access to sound education; government should ensure that the pupils are provided with possible learning materials that could enhance their learning; and Non-Governmental Organisation should endeavour to see to the education of the pupils with special needs, and not focus on the other pupils only.

Keywords: Covid-19; academic adjustment; pandemic, basic pupils

Introduction

Corona virus Disease 2019 (Covid-19) is a virus characterized by Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), and cold associated with fever, flu (influenza), cough, and shortness of breath. Covid-19 broke out in Wuhan, China in December 2019 and later spread across the globe in the nearly and middle part of the year 2020 (Kandola, 2020). At the early stage of its emergence, Nigeria and some other countries responded to the

Covid-19 pandemic by repatriating and/or sending assistance to their students who were stranded in Wuhan, China. Nigeria's plans of repatriating and/or sending assistance to their students who were stranded in Wuhan changed when the pandemic emerged in the country on February 27, 2020, with the first case of an Italian who came back to Nigeria from his home country. Not long after the index case was recorded that the problem