Course Topic

Planning & Preparation for Distance Learning

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Session 1

The Impact of Covid 19 in Education in the UAE

What to expect…

The course is designed to prepare you to deliver effective online lessons.

All the course material will be delivered using online classroom strategies to enhance your online teaching.

All 21st century methodology will be embedded throughout the course.

Every session I will introduce a few effective webtools which will be embedded within the training session.

You will be introduced to various online platforms to enhance student engagement and interactive learning.

At the end of each activity I will highlight the strategy/webtool used.

You will engage with your own curriculum to create an activity using the webtool used in the session.

You are encouraged to have your coursebooks at hand during the session.

This course is interactive and engaging.

Session Etiquette

Session Aims

- Highlight the impact of Covid 19 on the education system in the UAE

- Identify the impact Covid-19 have on educators and parents(concerns/struggles/adaptations)

- Review proposals for returning to schools

- School closure considerations

- Identify and use webtools effectively

Describe your first week of distance learning?

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Impact of covid 19 in Education across UAE...

- On March 3, UAE's Ministry of Education announced that schools and universities across the country will close for a month starting Sunday, March 8, as part of efforts to contain the spread of coronavirus.

- On 30 March, UAE announced that the 2-week online "distance learning" for schools and universities would continue until the end of the academic year in June.

- On 23 June 2020, Ministry of Education, announced the possibility of re-opening educational institutions across the UAE as per a well-studied plan and within the precautionary measures taken by the UAE to contain the novel coronavirus. As per the ministry, the possibility of re-opening public and private universities and schools in September 2020 will depend on an assessment of the evolving situation related to COVID-19 and subject to specific health and safety procedures.

Proposals for reopening of schools...

- Continuing with the distance learning system if the virus continues to exist until the date of the schools' re-opening in the beginning of September 2020

- Hybrid learning: Combining both, distance education and the traditional face-to-face education, during which 50 per cent of the schools' workforce will resume work in schools' campuses while adhering to all preventive and precautionary measures

- Full return to schools while implementing safety controls and procedures against COVID-19.

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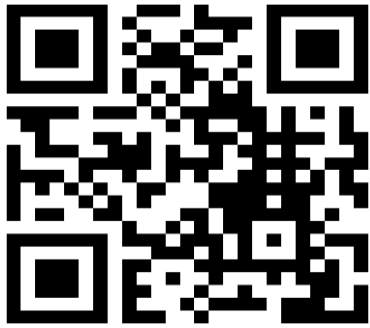
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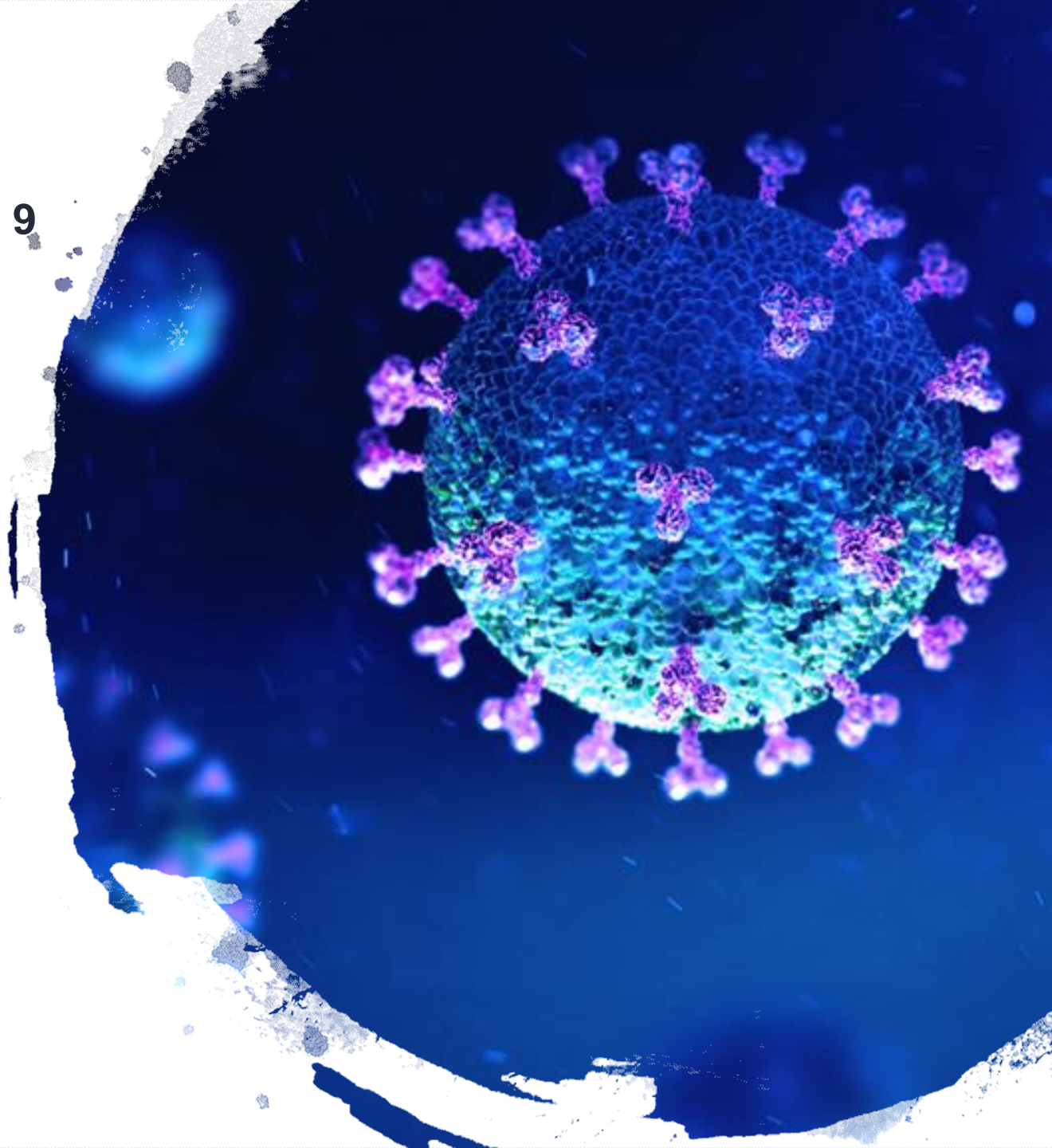
What is mentimeter?

- An interactive presentation tool

- Interact with your students in real time

- It is free

- Create various question types

- Change language to suit your audience

- Students can join mentimeter with their smartphones by going to menti.com and add the code or scan the barcode

- https://www.mentimeter.com

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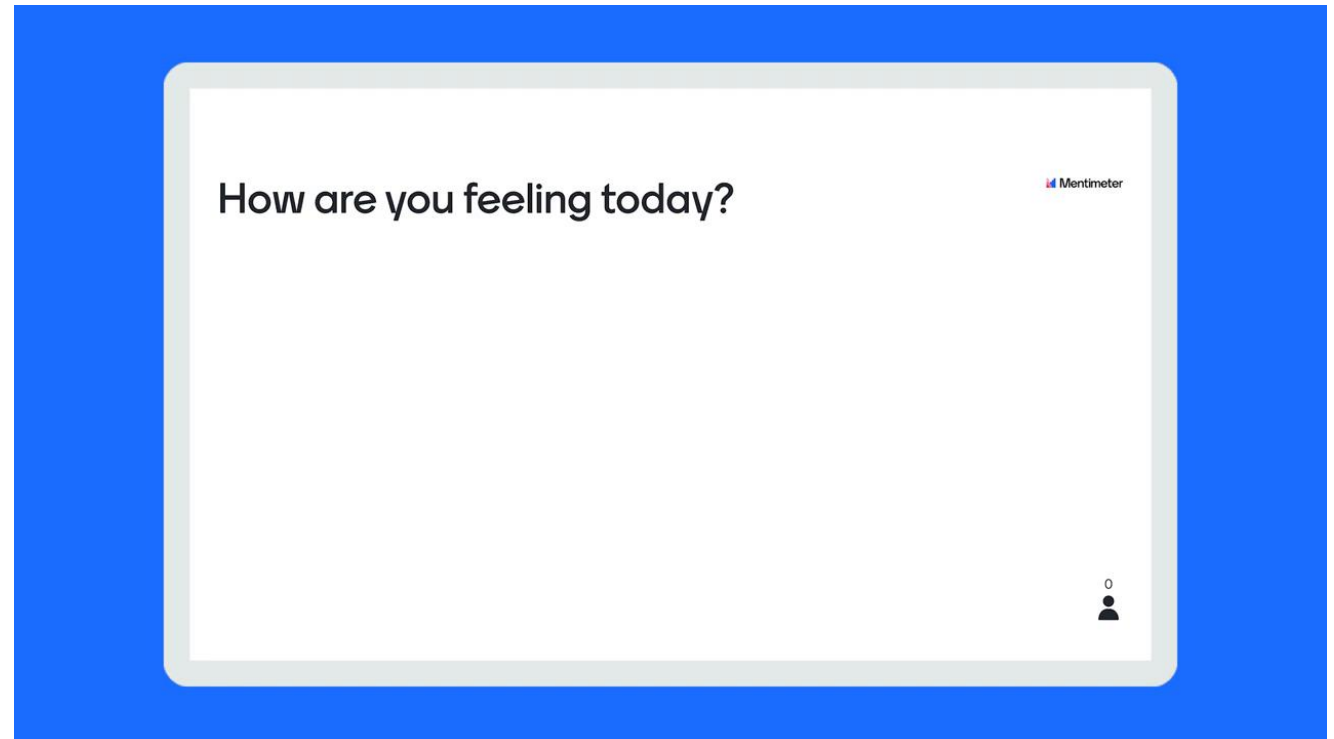
UAE's first few weeks of distance learning
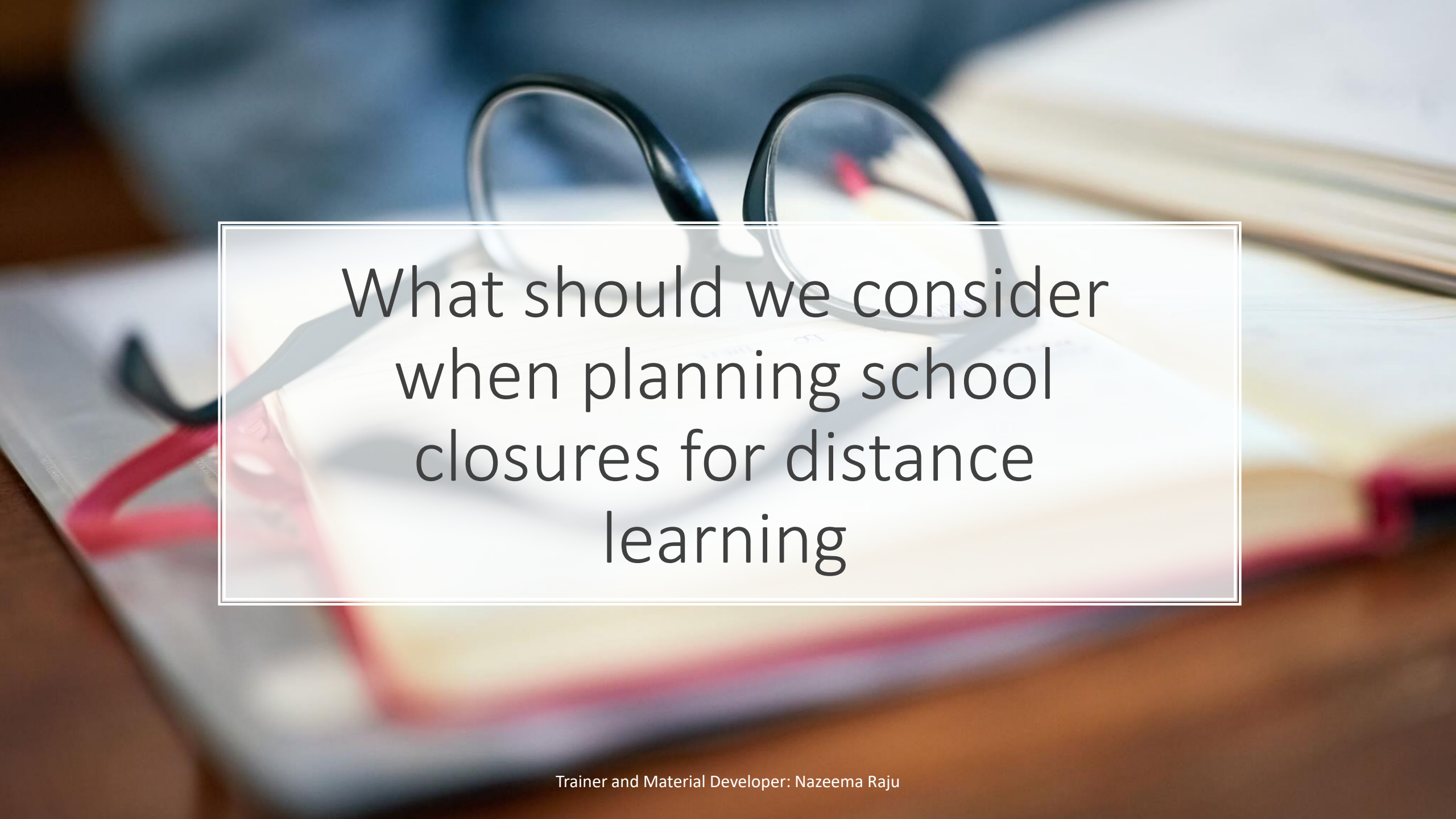
Let's read some newspaper articles and reflect on our first few weeks of distance learning…

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Task: Choose one article which describes the impact COVID 19 had on schools,parents,teachers.Share your thoughts

- https://www.thenational.ae/uae/education/coronavirus-uae-teachers-ready-for-distance-learning-but-worry-about-connectivity-1.995142

- https://www.thenational.ae/uae/coronavirus-parents-and-pupils-reflect-on-first-week-of-digital-learning-1.997742

- https://www.thenational.ae/opinion/editorial/the-uae-has-an-opportunity-to-make-distance-learning-a-success-1.1001521

- https://www.thenational.ae/uae/education/coronavirus-uae-schools-plan-for-e-learning-to-continue-into-2021-1.1017154

- https://www.google.com/search?q=news+about+distance+learning+in+uae&rlz=1C1GCEB_enAE876AE876&sxsrf=ALeKk0290BfAmbat2JRbnfI7bSBro7TexQ:1600795425378&source=lnms&tbm=nws&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiS5r_Vo_3rAhUG4YUKHdF_CSwQ_AUoAXoECAsQAw&biw=1366&bih=625
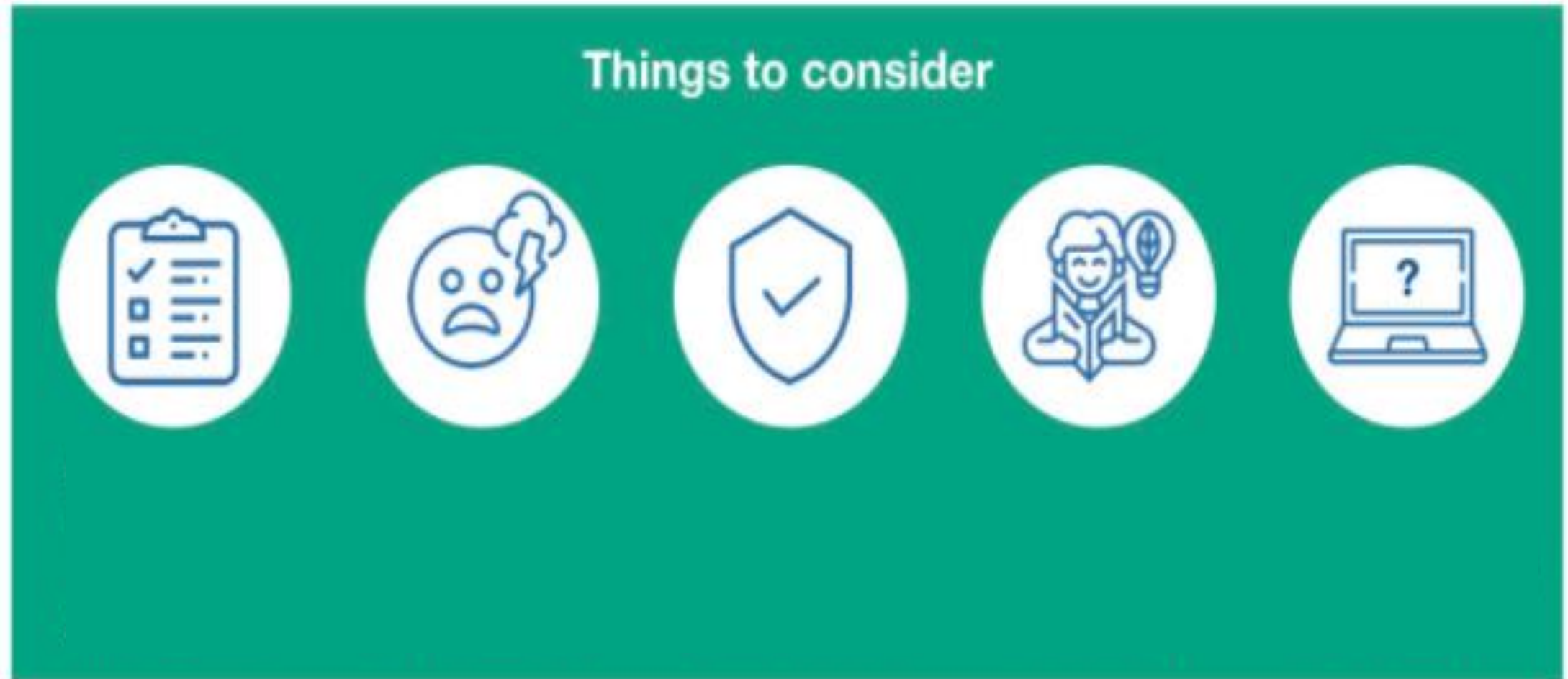
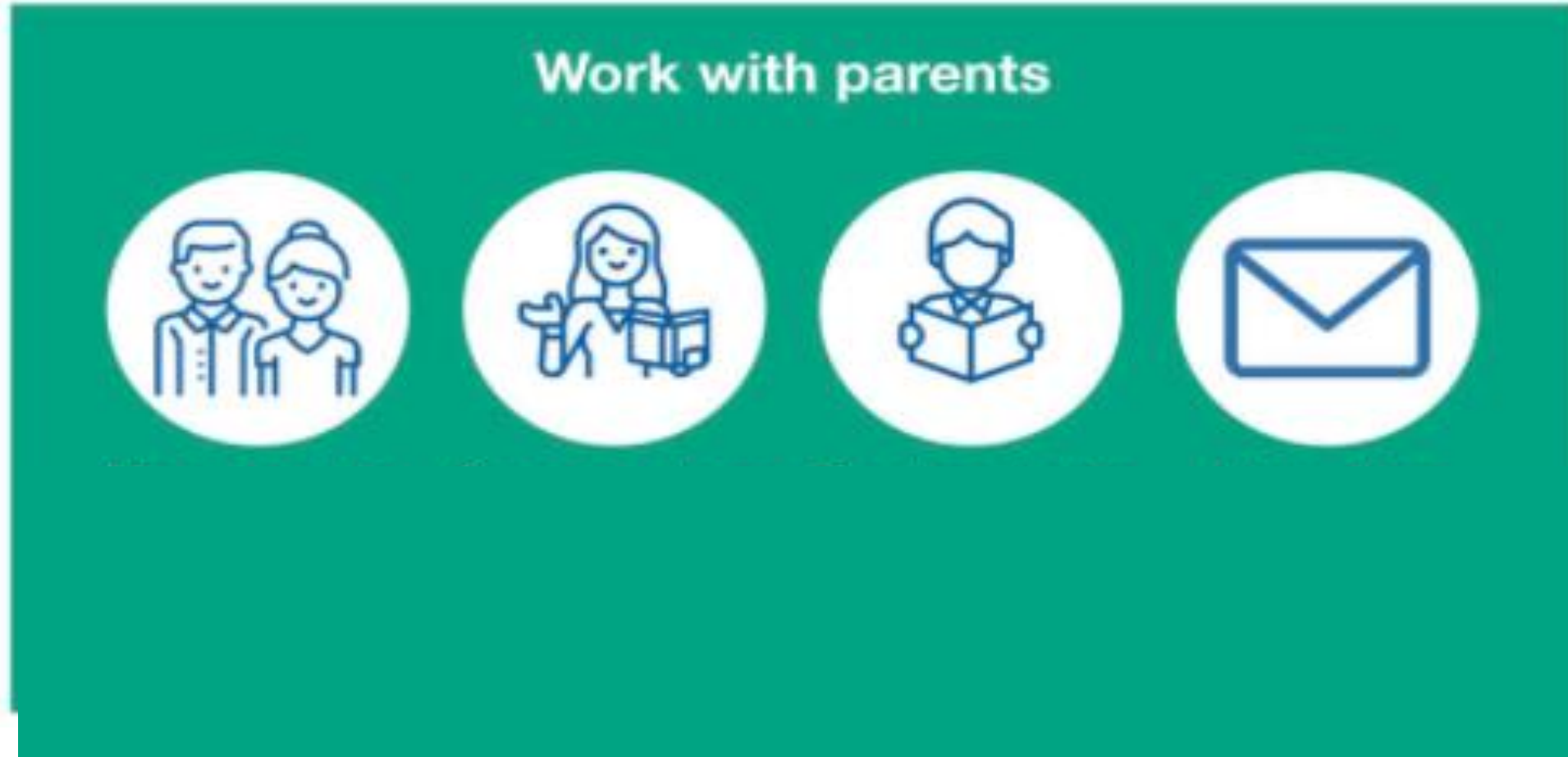What should we consider when planning school closures for distance learning

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If your school has to close…

What things to consider…

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Parent communication…

Work with parents

Supporting teachers

Homework:

Which platforms/digital tools did we use today?

Task:
Use mentimeter to create an activity for your subject.

https://www.mentimeter.com

PowerPoint

Mentimeter

Padlet

Microsoft Teams

Exit ticket

Today I learned...

I didn't know ...

I don't quite
understand...

I still have a
question about ...

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Next session...

The two necessary approaches to education in todays world...

Hybrid learning and distance learning