

# Research on Children's Access to Rights During Corona Days in Different Districts of Istanbul

## FINAL REPORT

### Children's Views

**122** Number of children who participated in the research and shared their views

### AGE DISTRIBUTION

**1/18**  
Age 3-5

**1/25**  
Age 6-10

**1/55**  
Age 11-14

**1/24**  
Age 15-18

### ACCESS TO EDUCATION

**32%** of children cannot regularly access EBA.



Age 9

I used the phone, but my sister uses it more often and she does not give it to me.

I was not able to access it in the first month after they closed the schools... My password was correct, but it still did not work.

Age 16

We did nothing. The teachers said that if you do not attend distance education lessons, nothing will happen. It was as if they were saying 'do not follow EBA'. I think this serves their interests better.

**41%** of the children said that they could not have regular communication with their teachers. **9%** stated that their communication to teacher is one-dimensional and limited to sending/receiving homework.

**14%**

of children stated that they cannot follow EBA courses because courses are fast-paced or because they are boring.



20% of children demand that lectures on EBA be more comprehensible.

Age 12

It would have been better if they had sent us books and assigned us problems to solve. Besides the TV, we could have studied like this.



16% of children demand that their own teachers teach their courses



14% of children express that they want to attend distance education with their friends.

I wish there were plays suitable for our age. It would be better if I were not alone and able to speak more to my friends.

Age 13

Age 9

"If the adults asked your ideas about how distance education should be, what would you say?" They would never ask us about how it should be like, they would not listen to us.

### REST, LEISURE AND PLAY

**19%** of children stated that they could not have any communication with their friends.



My friends always play games. Our internet bundle is not enough for games, that's why we can't meet.

Age 12

**37%** go out on other days, too.

**16%**

do not go out even on the permitted days.

Age 14

I went out on Wednesday. That night I stayed at my aunt's place and the next day I came back home. It was so nice to be out, I missed it.

Age 14

Honestly, I go out, we play football sometimes. But you know we have permission, don't you? I got so bored at home; I can't stay in any longer. My mother gets angry, but I don't touch my face. We don't go to park, though. We did the other day, but we came back right away. I won't go if it's crowded but I can't stand staying at home anymore. We sleep, we wake up, we do the same thing all the time.

Age 13

I can't go out on Wednesdays. My mother has work to do. Also, my father doesn't let me. He says, 'You have stayed at home until now, so don't go out now'.

### ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND MEDIA

**82%** of children stated that they obtained information on the Covid-19 via TV news and social media. **9%** stated that they did not receive any news and did not want to know about the Covid-19 anyways.

Age 11

I don't follow the news, my mother said, 'you do not look

Age 11

I am not interested in Corona anymore. Nobody around me speaks about it any longer. I act as if it does not exist. When I hear the news about Corona, I say 'Ah, I am bored.'

While in the first round of interviews **21%** stated they they did not have access to internet, in the second round this rate fell to **6%**.



**21%**

**6%**

This data is based on phone interviews with 122 children in May 2020 (last quarter) in the following districts of Istanbul: Fatih-Karagömrük, Fatih-Çapa, Fatih-Mevlanakapı, Fatih-Fındıkzade, Ataşehir-Kayışdağı, Sancaktepe-Sarıgazi and Beyoğlu Tarşabaşı.



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