SOCIAL LEARNING:
Training Future-Ready Children

Remember how children used to study for exams with their friends at Changi Airport?

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Before the COVID-19 pandemic, groups learning together at Starbucks or McDonald's was a common sight as it encourages discussions and improves understanding. Little did we know that such learning habits are known as social learning. In recent years, social learning has progressively evolved into an online format due to the rise of social media.

The social learning theory was developed by psychologist Albert Bandura in the 1970s. Bandura's social learning theory suggests that individuals learn best through observing and imitating role models in communities, where they then develop skills in communication, negotiation, and collaboration. These are the very skills highlighted in a report by the World Economic Forum as important for future jobs. Hence, building a solid foundation at a young age is essential for training future-ready children.

Understanding this future trend, there is an increasing number of social learning platforms for training future-ready children from young. With the world becoming more digitalised, the future is bound to lie in the hands of digital natives. It's important that we learn to harvest the benefits of social learning with the convenience of the Internet.