

## Mohamad: Strengthen digital learning rather than open schools

**SEREMBAN:** The Education Ministry should allow the teaching and learning process for students to continue virtually rather than reopen schools gradually from March 1, says Datuk Seri Mohamad Hasan.

The Umno deputy president said instead of reopening schools, the ministry should look at ways to

strengthen digital learning and teaching while the country is recovering from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The ministry's decision to reopen schools, he said, also sends a confusing signal on its digital education direction.

"The decision to open and close schools in this flip-flop manner

should be stopped.

"It is very inconvenient for students, parents and teachers.

"Most parents have gone to great lengths to purchase digital devices for online learning and virtual learning should continue for the time being," he said.

The government, he said, has also

just launched DidikTV for the purpose of learning from home.

Mohamad said the ministry should look at all possibilities, including the government's ability to deal with the impact of the pandemic, before deciding to reopen schools.

On Friday, Education Minister

Datuk Dr Mohd Radzi Md Jidin said those in preschool, Year One and Year Two will resume face-to-face classes on March 1 while Year Three to Year Six will return on March 8.

Secondary schools in Johor, Kedah, Kelantan and Terengganu would start on April 4 and in other states on April 5.