

# DIGITAL IN SCHOOLS: A Barnardos SURVEY

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690

parents about the use of digital devices in their children's schools

29%  
Secondary



71%  
Primary

## WHAT DEVICES ARE BEING USED?



66%

PCs & laptops



22%

Tablets & ebooks



77%

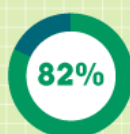
Interactive whiteboards



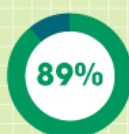
35%

Wifi & broadband

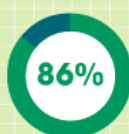
## HOW DO PARENTS FEEL ABOUT THE USE OF DIGITAL?



Think digital devices help children to learn and should be used in schools

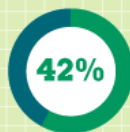


Think digital should be used alongside traditional learning methods



Think there should be a national plan for use of digital in schools

## ARE DIGITAL DEVICES BEING USED ENOUGH?



Feel that use of digital in their child's school could be improved

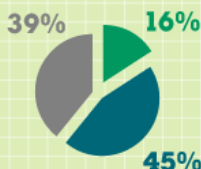


Feel their child needs more training in using digital devices

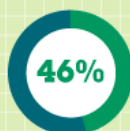
"I want them to know the pros and cons, about respectful, responsible and reasonable use... This learning should start in school."

Parent's Comment

## ARE CHILDREN USING DIGITAL DEVICES FOR HOMEWORK?



Often  
Sometimes  
Never



Of parents are confident helping with digital homework

## WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?



**National Digital Strategy for all schools must be prioritised and implemented by the Dept of Education**

- Access to digital technology is uneven - children, especially in disadvantaged communities, are at risk of being left behind
- The strategy is overdue and is in danger of being out of date when released, due to advances in technology



**Government must increase investment in education in Budget 2016**



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