

Maidensbridge Primary School 2011-12 Parental ICT Questionnaire

This survey was undertaken in June 2012 and was responded to by half of the parents/families of the 213 children we have on the school roll. The survey gives the school valuable information about the current trends in our children's access and usage of ICT outside of school hours. This will enable us to strategically plan in order to meet the needs of all of our children now and in the future.

Here are the headlines of our findings:

General ownership, access and usage

- All respondents indicate that they have at least one computer/device in their home.
- 70% of children sampled have access to 2 or more devices in their home environment.
- 4 children do not have connection to the internet.
- Ownership of at least one tablet device is currently 36% of respondents.
- Those families who don't currently own a tablet computer, 36% indicated that they intend to buy one in the near future.
- Around 37% of children own an iPod Touch.
- 47% of children own their own mobile phone.
- The main motivation for parents buying their children mobile phones is one of personal safety.
- Nintendo handheld gaming devices, the Nintendo Wii and the Microsoft X-Box are the most widely used devices for gaming.

Mode of access and usage

- 87% of children spend up to sixty minutes using the internet per evening. 14% spend 1-2 hours.
- Of this usage, children are equally likely to play online games as use the internet to support learning.
- 9% of children use social networking websites after school.
- 82% of children play computer games for up to one hour per evening.
- 18% of children play up to 2 hours of games per evening.

Safeguarding and e-safety

- 2 children have made their parents aware of malicious text messages on their mobile phone/device.
- 34% of parents indicated that they would have little or no confidence in dealing with a malicious text message if their child was the victim.
- 81% of children always use their computer/device in a communal room in their home.
- 28% do not have to seek regular permission to access the internet at home.
- 5% of children have reported an incident that has upset them when they have been online.
- 10% of children do not play age appropriate games.
- 3% of parents do not know if their children are playing age appropriate games.
- Three quarters of parents would prefer e-safety sessions after 6pm in the evening (including target setting).

Strategic

- 62% of respondents are interested in a tablet-leasing scheme in the future. 32% of respondents indicated that their interest was dependent on monthly cost.
- The vast majority of interested respondents indicated that their 'price point' would be £10-15.

Trends and comparisons with 2010-11 questionnaire.

- There is a significant increase in the number of devices available to our children within their home environments. In a 12-month period this has increased approximately by 20%
- Internet access is broadly similar to that produced from the 2010-11 survey.
- Mobile ownership amongst our children is increasing steadily.
- More children from lower Key stage 2 own mobile phones .
- There has been a 25% increase in tablet computer ownership in the last twelve months. This is expected to increase further with more parents indicating and intention to purchase these devices in the short term.
- There is less interest in a tablet computer leasing scheme from the previous survey.
- Apple iPods have increased significantly in ownership to 25% of respondents.
- The proportion of children who are using the internet for up to one hour per evening is steady at around 85-90%.
- Children are equally likely to play online games as they are to use the internet for learning.

- The proportion of children using social networks at home remains static at approximately 10%.
- The proportion of children who game up to one hour per evening remains at around 80-85% of respondents.
- Slightly more children are using their device/computer in a communal area of the house.
- Slightly more children are using the internet without seeking permission of a parent or a responsible adult.
- The proportion of parents unsure about dealing with e-safety and acceptable usage issues remains at approximately one third of respondents.
- Three-quarters of parents would like e-safety meetings to take place after 6pm.

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