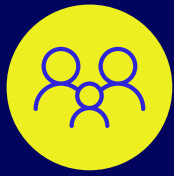


# Half of low-income families warn children face digital exclusion this summer as holidays expose inequality



## 57%



Families struggle with device access outside school



## 75%



Teachers warn of student disengagement due to poor digital access

### Digital Access Challenges at Home



## 11%

have little or no home internet



## 15%

share one device across siblings or parents



## 12%

rely on smartphones for homework

### Teachers reveal their concerns



**75%** report pupils falling behind or disengaging due to poor access at home



**31%** say children lack the skills to use technology effectively



Only a small minority - **17%** - of teachers know of Government policies aimed at helping



**35%** say their school has no plan to support pupils with limited access outside school

38% of teachers say the digital access gap widens during the holidays.

### Teachers call for more support



**36%** want new or upgraded devices



**35%** want digital literacy programmes



**34%** want faster internet



**34%** want more funding from central government



**33%** want better teacher training

These concerns are even stronger among younger Gen Z teachers, with **49%** citing teacher training and broadband upgrades as essential.

### Parents also agree that devices alone aren't enough to solve this issue



**23%** want better guidance on online safety and supervising children's internet use



**19%** seek training to boost their own digital skills and confidence



Technical support for troubleshooting devices at home **17%**



The UK Government is examining the 'Narrowing the digital divide in schools and colleges' consultation results, with plans to update education standards. RM Technology is partnering with the Digital Poverty Alliance to accelerate IT equipment access for children.

“Digital poverty is a harsh reality that traps children in a cycle of disadvantage. When the school doors close for summer, many children lose access to essential tools for learning, pushing inequality even further. Tackling this requires all of us - government, schools, businesses - to come together and ensure every child has equal digital opportunities, no matter their background.”

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