



ICT Survey 2010

of

Post-Primary schools

The information requested in this survey* is required so that the Department of Education and Science can determine the current level of ICT infrastructure and usage in schools. Your completed surveys will greatly facilitate us in planning for the future development of ICT in schools.

Important Note:

Details provided by you in this online survey will not be used to determine the level of funding to be made available to individual schools.

1. The **purpose of the survey** is to assist in establishing an overall national picture in relation to ICT in schools, and inform government ICT related policy at present and in the future.
2. The **funding will be provided to schools on the basis of a standard per capita allocation** (the actual allocation has yet to be determined) **irrespective of the level of existing ICT provision in each school.**
3. Schools should complete the online ICT survey safe in the knowledge that **forthcoming grants for ICT will not be adversely affected by having worked to equip one's school to the highest ICT related standards.**

**Note: This 'print' version of the survey should be completed first so that you will be familiar with the questions, that you have had time to consider the answers and have gathered the data required. (Please also note that 'printed or paper' versions of the survey cannot be submitted as only online versions of the survey can be accepted.)*

Please complete the following sections:

Section A: School Details:

School Name: _____

School Roll Number: _____

School Email Address: _____

Section B: ICT Planning

School ICT plan *(Please tick all that apply)*

- ICT Planning is an integral part of your school planning
- The school has a up to date written ICT plan
- The NCTE e-Learning handbook is being (or will be) used for school planning
- The school has an up to date Acceptable Use Policy (AUP)
- The school has a school blog or school website. If so the blog / website address is:

Section C: Professional Development (CPD)

Has your school supported ICT related CPD for school staff over the past three years?

- Yes No

If 'Yes', please estimate the percentage of teachers in your school who attended ICT-related training courses over the past three years?

_____ %

Please estimate the percentage of teachers in your school who are aware of the ICT professional development opportunities offered by NCTE through the local education centre?

_____ %

What form did this professional development take? *(Please tick all that apply)*

- NCTE ICT related courses offered through the local education centre
- ICT courses organised as whole school training
- ICT professional development as part of a staff development day
- ICT professional development as part of new staff induction programme
- On-line training Peer-to-peer training
- Other *(please specify)* _____

Please indicate the ICT courses/topics of relevance that you would suggest NCTE offers to schools over the next two years:

Section D: ICT Equipment

Location and number of usable* computers

Please indicate the number of computers at each location. *usable: this refers to equipment that is in use in the school and is less than 5 years old. It does not include equipment which requires repair or upgrade to be of use.

Location of desktop computers* (Please note in some cases, this will not be a fixed location. Computers should be counted once only .)	Number of networked desktop computers in these rooms / areas
Computer rooms/ (computer lab)	
General Classrooms (excluding laboratories/specialist rooms)	
Laboratories	
Science laboratories	
Language laboratories	
Specialist Rooms	
Art room	
Music room	
Home economics room	
Mathematics room	
Technical graphics/ drawing room	
Other specialist rooms	
Workshops	
Engineering workshop	
Construction studies workshop	
Technology workshop	
Other	
Learning support room	
Special needs resource room	
School library / resource areas	
Staff room / Staff work areas	
Offices/Administration areas	
Careers room/office	
Total number of desktops	

Laptops*	Number of networked laptops in these rooms / areas
School laptops used by teachers as teaching computers	
Laptops deployed on mobile laptop trolleys	
Other laptops (not assigned to individual students)	
Laptops assigned to individual students with special needs	
Total number of laptops	

Number of other stand-alone computers in your school (i.e. computers which are not connected to a network)	
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* Computers or Laptops can be PCs, 'Macs' or other type of computers.

Section E: Other ICT equipment

Please indicate the numbers of the listed ICT equipment in the school.

Other equipment/services	Number
Fixed Digital Projectors (ie. that are ceiling or wall mounted)	
Mobile Data Projectors – (ie. that are not ceiling or wall mounted)	
Visualisers (or document cameras)	
Digital still cameras	
Digital video cameras	
Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs)	
School Servers	
Laser Printers	
Inkjet printers	
Scanners	
Other ICT equipment (<i>please specify</i>)	

Section F: Computer Network in the school

Networking of rooms / areas	Number of rooms / areas	Number of networked rooms / areas
General Classrooms (excluding laboratories / specialist rooms)		
Computer rooms / computer labs		
Laboratories e.g. Science laboratory		
Specialist Rooms e.g. Music room		
Workshops e.g. Engineering workshop		
Other rooms		

* include rooms / areas which are connected via wireless networks.

Type of computer network (LAN) in the school. (*Please tick all that apply*)

- There is no computer network in the school
- Network cabling is used to connect computers to the network
- A wireless network is used to connect computers to the network
- A combination of fixed and wireless networking is used

State the number of wireless access points in the school _____

State approximately when the local school network was last upgraded _____

Section G: Maths:

How many classrooms are used to teach maths? _____

What percentage of these rooms are equipped with:

Teaching Computer (e.g. a desktop or laptop) _____%

Digital Projector _____%

Other ICT equipment (*please specify*) _____%

Section H: Digital Content

Please indicate if you are aware of and/or use the following Digital Content resources that the NCTE has made available to schools.

Resource/Website	I am aware of this resource	I use this resource
Scoilnet (http://www.scoilnet.ie)	Y/N	Y/N
Encyclopaedia Britannica (via Scoilnet)		
World Book Online (via Scoilnet)		
Scoilnet Maps (http://maps.scoilnet.ie)		
French.ie (http://www.french.ie)		
German.ie (http://www.german.ie)		
ImageBank (http://www.imagebank.ie)		
Science Unleashed (http://www.scienceunleashed.ie)		

Section I: Frequency of use of ICT in subject teaching:

Please complete the following sections.

Cycle /Year	Frequency with which ICT equipment/resources are used for learning and teaching in each class/location:			
	more than once a week	more than once a month	occasionally	Never
Junior Cycle				
Transition year				
Senior Cycle				

What are the barriers to the frequent use of ICT in subject teaching? (*Please rate the following items in order of significance, with '1' being the most significant barrier*)

Lack of reliable and up to date ICT equipment

- Lack of access to computers
- Insufficient digital and online resources to meet curricular objectives
- Lack of confidence in using ICT
- Insufficient school based CPD
- Inadequate linking of ICT with curriculum objectives
- Poor levels of technical support

Section J: School Communications

The school provides email addresses/accounts: *(Please tick Yes/No)*

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|--------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| For teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| For students | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

The school uses email as part of its communications with: *(Please tick all that apply)*

- | | Weekly | Monthly | Never |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Parents | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Teachers | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Students | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Department of Education and Science | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other <i>(please specify)</i> _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Section K: Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)

Does your school currently use a Virtual Learning Environment (VLE)? (e.g. Moodle)

- Yes No

If 'Yes', or if you are planning to introduce one, what VLE is used or planned. _____

If in use please indicate the level of usage *(please tick all that apply)*

- Individual teachers Some subject departments All subject departments
- Other, please specify _____

Section L: ICT Development Priorities:

Priorities for ICT development in your school *(Please rate the following items in order of importance, where '1' is the most important etc)*

- High speed broadband
- Good quality school network
- Teaching computer and digital projector in classrooms
- Laptop trolley with a suite of laptops
- Interactive whiteboards (IWBs)
- Well equipped computer rooms
- Relevant digital content for learning and teaching
- Professional development for teachers
- Technical support

Section M: Procurement / ICT Frameworks

Are you aware of the ICT equipment procurement frameworks for schools

Yes

No

Would you be prepared to forward your ICT purchasing requirements for centralised purchase?

Yes

No

Note: All schools will be notified of their ICT grant allocation.

Section N: Technical Support*

** **Technical Support** includes all aspects of ensuring that the school ICT equipment and computer network is fully operational and includes maintenance of ICT equipment / network.*

Who carries out the technical support in the school? (Please tick **all** that apply)

The ICT co-ordinating teacher

Other staff members

An IT company/contractor (without a contract in place)

An IT company/contractor (with a technical support contract in place)

A part-time school technician

A full-time school technician

A local group scheme e.g. a local VEC or other grouping of schools

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This is the end of the survey questions.

Please note that 'printed or paper' versions of the survey cannot be submitted and only online versions of the survey can be accepted. Once you've completed this 'paper' version please go online to complete and submit your responses on the online survey.

The closing date for completion of the online survey is Friday 26th March 2010, i.e. so that we can have your response before the Easter break.

The link to the online survey is:

www.ncte.ie/postprimaryICTsurvey

Thank you for your cooperation.