

SCHOOLS FINANCE FORUM REPORT

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PROJECT: Gwynedd Schools Digital Strategy

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Gwynedd Schools Digital Strategy Update Report (February 2022)

1. Update:

- At the Council's Cabinet meeting on 9th November, 2021 the following decisions were reached:
 - The Education Digital Strategy was approved in its entirety
 - It was agreed to joint-fund up to half the cost of renewing the devices by committing £2 million from Council balances, with an expectation for schools to pay the other half
 - It was agreed that Gwynedd schools will receive technical support from the Authority's Information Technology service from April 2022 onwards
 - It was agreed to fund £145,000 in order to offer technical support up to April 2022, in order to speed-up the timetable of delivering the devices to schools.
- The technical work to establish the new support service continues with the following summarising recent activity.

 5348 Chromebooks formatted and distributed to schools	 1073 iPad formatted and distributed to schools	 312 Network switches installed	 1148 Wireless access points installed
 1268 mail boxes migrated from local provision to the Hwb platform	 101 new domains established to standardise e-mail addresses	 100 schools migrated for web filtering through PSBA Websafe	 84 SharePoint sites created to migrate Primary School files
 Each school provisioned with guest public Wi-Fi access	 30 new servers	 14 new UPS	 £300,000 Orders in addition to original grant, on-line ordering system created.
 Internal directory created for schools	 863 VoIP extensions introduced	 work has started on standardising printing solutions and services	 14 NAT and network addresses changed within secondary schools
 advice provided on new CCTV solutions	 2019 Adobe Creative Cloud licenses	 Central management of interactive screens & 120 new screens	 New website piloted at Ysgol Rhosgadfan

2. Next steps:

- We shall be working with Cwmni Cynnal and filling posts within our support structure as soon as practicably possible, with the intention to have an active structure to support the schools on April 1st, 2022
- The roll-out of the digital strategy continues and will move to supply laptops for:
 - Teachers
 - Secondary Pupils
- Discussions will continue with the secondary schools on making the best possible use of support Resources.