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Impact of B4RN on St Oswald's CE Primary School

The impact of technology on Education has been huge over the past years and now the majority of school systems are Internet based. This includes those for administration as well as platforms for children's learning. As I write, during the COVID-19 lockdown and school closures this has never been more important.

Currently the Internet speeds coming into the village and so into the school are insufficient. Uploading to sites such as YouTube where we have a thriving channel takes far too long and downloading software to maintain the integrity and security of our network is extremely time consuming. Streaming from certain sites can also be a challenge and potentially disruptive to lessons – teaching in the 21 century relies massively on a good internet connection. We have potentially 40 plus devices all connected to the Internet at any single point and the connection is too slow for this to work reliably. Connecting to B4RN with the speeds they can provide is a potential game changer for us.

Finally the installation of B4RN onto the school site would allow the school free Internet access resulting in savings of at least £2000 per year. In a time where school budgets have been relentlessly cut over a number of years, and with potential further financial worries in the future this is a significant saving which would be spent on improving the quality of education for all the children.

Kind regards,

D Wallace
Headteacher



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