

# EDUCATION

## ACCESS TO INFORMATION

The internet and digital devices allow students and teachers to have easy access to information and resources online.

This has created several changes:

- **Students** increasingly use the internet to carry out research. In the past, they might have completed a school project using physical books.
- **Teachers** can use the internet to find resources to help them plan and deliver lessons. This enables inspiring content and ideas to be shared between teachers.
- There are **more online learning resources**. These include games, videos and online learning sites (such as FutureLearn). There's something for everyone!

## PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Digital developments can improve the communication and understanding between students, teachers and parents.

A few examples include:

- **Virtual teacher-parent meetings.**
- **Digital alerts to parents** that enable teachers to communicate messages quickly. For example, informing parents of a snow day or giving reminders of pre-planned closures.
- **Online student tracking** that allow students and parents to check things such as attendance, grades, and homework.
- **Online payments** that allow parents to pay for school services online meaning children don't need to take cash into school.

## ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY & RESOURCES

Assistive technology is any device, software, or equipment that helps people work around their specific challenges. This technology can be used to support students.

A few examples include:

- A student with a visual impairment, dyslexia, or ADHD may use a **text-to-speech tool** to help their learning.
- **Online resources** can be used by all students to help them learn. They're particularly useful for students who can't come to school for medical reasons. They enable students to learn at their own pace, and in their own time.