



New BYOD Network : Information for parents

Scottish Borders Council and its IT partner CGI have rolled out new technology in schools, providing Wi-Fi access for senior secondary school pupils to enable them to use their own devices for learning if they so wish.

In eight of the Borders' nine secondary schools a new wireless network for mobile technology has been established, with the new Kelso High School having this technology in place when it opens.

Initially this network will be accessible for senior pupils in S4-6 and pupils with additional needs, to enable them to connect personal mobile devices such as tablets, laptops and phones, to enhance learning as part of the Council's Digital Learning Strategy and individual school strategies. After year 1, SBC and schools will make a decision on whether access should include pupils in S1-3.

The network treats all personal devices like a school one by using a current pupil curricular login and utilises the Council's filtering protocol to ensure pupils are safe online in school. Pupils will be able to save their work in a cloud-based solution within Glow and this can be accessed from any device, at any time.

A new ICT Pupil User Acceptance Policy will be sent to all parents from the school next week.