

Impact of ICT in Aberdeenshire schools 2008

Questions for secondary pupils

The following questions will form the basis of the interview with the group of between 4 and 6 students. A brief record will be made immediately after the interview and sent to the school contact - by email or post, as requested - ideally for showing to the young people for comment and correction. What they say will not be attributed to the school

Part 1: using computers and ICT to help to learn

For each of these 6 questions, please give a 'score' for how well you think computers and other ICT help you to learn

- 1 Unhelpful - computers get in the way
 - 2 Makes no difference either way
 - 3 Some help comes from using computers
 - 4 A lot of help comes from using computers
- a Does the computer put you in charge so that you do more for yourself and add 'extras' to what you do without having to be told to do it by the teacher?
 - b Does the computer make it easier to try and keep trying when you get stuck or you are not sure what to do next?
 - c Does the computer help when you are working with others in a group on a shared task in the class?
 - d Does the computer make it easier for you to create and imagine, in words or pictures?
 - e Does the computer help you to think about what you have done and perhaps make improvements?
 - f Does the computer help you to plan what steps you have to take when you are working on a longer project?

Part 2: developing ICT skills in school and at home

- a How much opportunity do you have for practising and developing your ICT skills and abilities in all your subjects in school?
- b What useful skills are you bringing from your home use of computers?
- c What should schools do to build on the ICT abilities you develop at home?

Part 3: using ICT in school

- a What are the problems that you have experienced when you are using computers and other ICT in school?
- b Do you think that ICT in schools is getting better?