

to help put your child's school on the map Here's how... Discover the benefits of the Next Generation Learning Charter

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### What is the Next Generation Learning charter?

The Next Generation Learning Charter is a simple way for your child's school to publicly show its commitment and progress towards best use of technology for teaching and learning.

Launched in January 2009 by Becta – the government agency for technology in schools – the Charter process leads and supports schools on a four-stage journey towards excellence.

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Alternatively, tear off the attached note and hand it in at your child's school.

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If they need more information, they can visit:

M nextgenerationlearning.org.uk

or www.becta.org.uk/nextgenerationlearningcharter

### **Next Generation Learning Charter**

I've been reading about the Next Generation Learning Charter from Becta. It seems a great way for schools to commit to improving learning through technology.

I hope you will consider signing up to it.

Details for schools are on:

www.becta.org.uk/nextgenerationlearningcharter



# Getting your child's school involved

Here are a couple of simple ways you can encourage your child's school to consider signing up to the Next Generation Learning Charter.

### Ask at school

If you have the opportunity to talk to a member of staff at your child's school – or you're in contact with a governor – you could ask them these questions:

Q Have you heard of Next Generation Learning?

Q Have you heard of the Next Generation Learning Charter?

Q Will the school sign up to the Charter?

## There are four levels of charter marks



#### Level 1

The school makes a public commitment to Next Generation Learning.

### Level 2

The school is recognised as being well on the way to the full ICT Mark.

### Level 3

The school is awarded the ICT Mark – the national standard for excellent use of technology across all aspects of school life.

#### Level 4

Applying for an ICT Excellence Award shows that the whole school has been transformed by their use of ICT.

# Benefits for schools and you

### Why do it?

Next Generation Learning encourages schools to use technology more effectively to:

### raise standards

improve results

engage pupils

### Step by step

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The Charter has four levels so that schools can make steady progress in small, manageable steps. Becta provides advice and guidance for schools at each stage.

### **Seeing results**

Along the journey, your child's school and you will see the difference the Charter can make, including:

- inspiring commitment and involvement from the whole school
- complementing Ofsted evaluations

- improving the school's profile and chances of being chosen for other initiatives
- giving parents/carers confidence that technology is being used safely and effectively.
- being recognised as a centre of excellence

## Which schools are up to the mark?

### How to find out

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To find out if your child's school is committed to the Next Generation Learning Charter, you can:

> look for the charter marks on display

ask at the school

log on to nextgenerationlearning. org.uk On the Next Generation Learning website you'll find an interactive section that lists all schools in England that have achieved the 'ICT Mark' (level 3). Soon, all English schools on all levels of the Charter journey will be featured.

### Your child's school

If your child's school is already committed to the Charter, you can rest assured that it aims to achieve the highest standards in using technology for learning.

If your child's school has not already done so, you might like to encourage it to consider the benefits of signing up to the Charter. Use the ideas on the next page to help you.

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### Want more information?

#### **Parents and carers**

For further information about Next Generation Learning, visit:

Manextgenerationlearning.org.uk

### **Schools**

Schools can find information about the Next Generation Learning Charter at: www.becta.org.uk/ nextgenerationlearningcharter

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