

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION  
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ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON TUESDAY 12th MAY 2020**

**Question**

“Will the Minister advise whether all Jersey schoolchildren have access to Internet-enabled devices and can therefore make use of online learning materials; and, if she is aware that it is not the case, will she explain what actions, if any, are being taken to address the situation?”

**Answer**

I am confident that Jersey school children are continuing to receive learning support from their teachers and schools during the current shutdown. Much of this is online, but not all.

This is precisely because not all schoolchildren have access to internet-enabled devices. This will mean some children will not be accessing online learning materials. Schools are aware of those pupils that do not have access to internet-enabled devices and in these cases, schools have been able to loan out several devices or make available off-line learning materials which complements the delivery of their remote learning strategy. Head Teachers are responsible for ensuring all schoolchildren have access to appropriate learning materials whether online or offline. Printed learning materials are made available where required for those that prefer to learn this way or cannot access them online.

I remain concerned that all children do not have access to an internet-enabled device and I have asked officers to identify the need before I bring back proposals for improving access.

