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School wi-fi 'not fit for 21st Century learning'

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Pupils in England are at risk of missing out because their schools do not have good enough wi-fi, figures suggest.

Schools need fully accessible wi-fi if they are to embrace digital learning in all subjects, argues Valerie Thompson of the E-Learning Foundation.

But only a quarter of schools achieve this, suggests the British Educational Suppliers Association (Besa).



"It's vital to a 21st Century learning environment," said Ms Thompson.

The data comes from surveys of a representative panel of some 600 state schools across England, carried out by market research company C3 Education for Besa.

Of 250 secondary schools, about 22% said they had wi-fi in most or all classrooms, 39% had it in some classrooms, leaving 39% with wi-fi in only a few or no classrooms.

Of 350 primary schools about 28% had wi-fi in most or all classrooms, 22% had it in some classrooms, leaving half of all schools with wi-fi in only a few or no classrooms.