The Formentera Departments of Education and New Technologies have unveiled an informational poster highlighting possibilities for Internet connectivity on Formentera. The document was designed to give primary and secondary schools information that teachers could pass along to parents in an effort to ensure pupils have Internet access while kept at home by the state of alarm.



How can we get Internet access for our children?

If you don't have Internet and you'd like to, there are a number ways to get connected, whether you live in town or out in the countryside.

1) Do you have a cable connection and/or a landline?

Then most likely you can get a fibre optic or ADSL connection. Multiple companies offer the service; if phone them and tell them your address, they'll advise you on the best option, cost and how long it will take to get set up.

2) Your house can't get cable or fibre optic? Or you prefer not to instal a cable Internet connection?

2.1 Do you have a mobile phone and get good service (signal reception) where you live?

As long as reception is good where you live, all you need is a mobile phone with a contract for data service or with a SIM card equipped for data service. If they let you share data via Wi-Fi, you're all set. No installation is necessary. It's important you contact your service provider so you can review your options and find out about conditions concerning data use.

2.2 You don't have a mobile phone, but service where you live is good.

You can connect to Internet with a SIM card and a 4G modem. No installation is necessary. You don't even need a contract; prepaid services work, too. Prices vary per data use.

2.3 Reception is bad were you live?

You also have the options of a wireless radio-wave (WiMAX) connection and satellite connection. For these services you'll need to contact a WiMAX or satellite Internet service provider. They'll advise you about the best option, prices and how long it will take to get set up.

How can we help our neighbours' children get Internet?

If you live in a building in town, your Internet connection might be useful to your neighbours' children.

How do you do it?

Don't set a password on your home Wi-Fi connection and configure it so others can connect. If you know your neighbours don't have a connection of their own —and you think they may be able to use one for schoolwork, email, online platforms and a bit of daily entertainment— give them your password.

And what if families can't afford an Internet connection?

Contact the Formentera Department of Social Welfare (Benestar Social) via phone or email: 971 32 12 71 / <u>benestarsocial@conselldeformentera.cat</u>

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