

## Digital switchover and children's services

Digital TV switchover is coming to x {borough/region] in x [month/year] and will affect all our residents.

Our 'looked after' children, those leaving care and resettlement and independent living schemes, may need extra help and support in understanding switchover.

Every TV in schools and other educational and care premises will need to be converted to digital if it is not already capable of receiving digital signals. The Board of Governors will need to decide if they should continue to rely on digital boxes after switchover, or whether to upgrade the building with, for example, a communal TV system. Schools can have access to a wider range of educational resources on digital channels. However, the switch to digital means that people won't be able to record one digital channel while watching another when using an analogue video recorder, so schools that record educational programmes may need a digital TV recorder. Specialist advice for schools and higher education premises is available in [Digital UK's Property managers' guide](#).

Digital UK has developed a free resource pack for schools aimed at children aged 7-11 to help them get involved in the digital switchover. The pack offers activities that are in line with the national curriculum and has been rated very highly by those who have used it so far. Schools will be sent a pack in the run up to switchover and in the meantime they can visit [digitaluk.co.uk/schools](http://digitaluk.co.uk/schools) to find out more.

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