

**WHAT NEXT?**

To find out more about Soft Egg's NEST Network and start improving your schools IT, call our helpful team on **0845 094 8492**.



# WELCOME TO NEST, THE FUTURE OF SCHOOL COMPUTING

Computing is no longer a separate subject. It integrates into almost every learning activity across schools.

It has never been more central to learning, yet many schools are being held back by piecemeal IT systems that have been built up over years, sometimes decades. These so-called Frankenstein networks are complicated, unwieldy, outdated and inefficient.

Yet the attraction of cheap sticking plaster solutions, ever more intricate compromises and workarounds means that you keep the same system and accept a lower standard of IT than you or your students deserve.

Of course cost and dwindling budgets have always been the sticking point. The one off cost of such networks often dissuades even the most avid of digital learning champions. That's why we created the NEST network.

## DEFINE: NEST

1. A structure or place designed to protect & shelter the young
2. A place to securely store items
3. A safe and reliable environment to assist in the education and nurturing of the young



### WHY DO I NEED A NEST NETWORK?

Forget the technology for a moment.

What are the digital challenges your school faces? What's holding you back?

Do slow logins waste valuable classroom time? Is your system failing to cope with increasing numbers of devices? Is your Internet slow? Are your staff storing sensitive data on unsecured home computers? Do simple tasks and jobs seem unnecessarily complicated? Do your staff feel frustrated, disillusioned and held back? Do you fail to make the most of your existing digital investments like iPads, because your system can't cope with them?

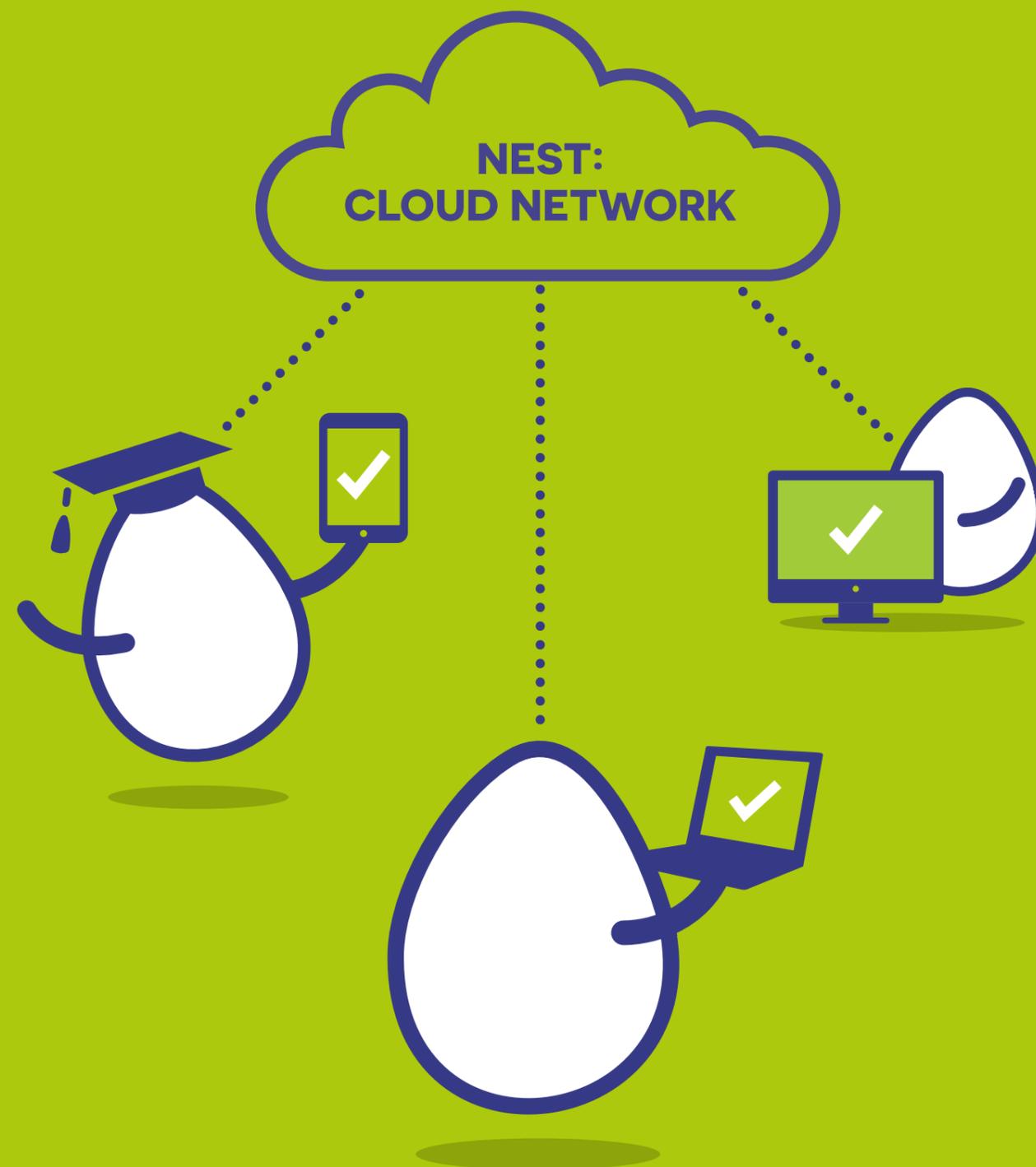
Constantly firefighting, with patch fixes and short term thinking only ever makes things worse. By tackling the weak points of your system and working towards a clear and cogent end goal, it's a modular approach, which rebuilds your network in a sensible way causing minimal upheaval and without putting you off with a hefty price tag.

With a clear, logical multi-budget plan, you can experience significant improvements. You'll be looking after the students of today without storing up trouble for tomorrow.



### DEFINE: FRANKENSTEIN NETWORK

Many schools are working with Frankenstein networks. That is, a network patched together over time, out of increasingly out of date equipment. With budget concerns ever-present, it's often easy to choose the most cost-effective short term solution, using cheap equipment that only just deals with the current challenges (and sometimes not even that). Of course, the problems get fixed, but they don't radically improve the system or address the fundamental weaknesses of your IT infrastructure that are holding you back.





**NEST:  
MULTI-SITE  
NETWORK**



**WHAT IS THE NEST NETWORK?**

The NEST network is an affordable way to start from scratch and totally rebuild an IT system that works for you, your staff, your budget and your students.

Developed by Soft Egg, it's an innovative and effective approach to rebuilding the digital backbone of your school.

NEST will give you the opportunity to have an entirely fresh start by removing everything that does not work for you and bringing over the bits that matter. To be clear, with Soft Egg's NEST, you DON'T have to replace every piece of equipment. Yet the process rebuilds and updates your network making computing and administration clean, current and more efficient.

**BENEFITS YOU CAN FEEL FROM DAY 1**

Sorting out a network is never going to be as attractive as a shiny new device. Network technology is often hidden away, so it's hard to know what you are really buying until you experience the real difference to everyday computing in your school. When you have equipment that works, it unleashes the power of computing to enhance learning and teaching. Integrating IT into the

curriculum becomes an exciting and creative opportunity, not a dreaded piece of work strewn with obstacles, frustration and unfortunate compromises.

**IT'S JUST FASTER**

It's often the little things that make a big difference.

- Like fast log-on times. With Nest Network, we are able to systematically remove bottlenecks in your system, which cause wasted classroom time and staff resentment.
- By refreshing your existing devices, you will immediately create a consistent software experience across the school, meaning classroom time is no longer wasted.
- It protects staff and students. You will provide a safe, secure environment for your school community to work within.
- With the provision of fast, effective home working, there is no need for documents to be lost from USB sticks, or dangerously stored on home computers.
- Central, fast and easy management of devices and software saves time, so that you can focus more time on improving the quality of your school's learning environment.