A PC for students in need!!

Because of the pandemic emergency COVID-19, millions of students all over the world stayed at home. In our school "G. Bertolotti" in Gavardo in the north of Italy, some students did not have a device to follow online lessons, so our school took the initiative to supply Chromebooks as loan for use.

This action allowed students not to be excluded from the online activities and gave them the opportunity to learn although it was not possible to go to school.

It was easy to get a PC: parents had to send an email to the school director or fill in a Google form asking their children needed a computer for online lessons. All the students who asked for a PC received it by a few days. Parents had to come to school, sign a form and they immediately received a chromebook.

In Italy, the right to education is very important and thanks to this it was given the opportunity to all students, although they did not have a computer or other technological devices, to receive one and to take part in lessons.

A few years ago our school started to use the platform G-suite and "Classroom", so during the pandemic emergency we were used to it and we were able to go on with distance education without great effort.

Google Meet e Classroom

As students at secondary school, we think distance education was an experience to grow up, to learn to study in autonomy and an opportunity for the students who were sick (or in quarantine) to follow video lessons.
This period was useful to develop the computer skills too.
But there were some negative sides, for example, some students did not own a computer or other devices such as smartphones or tablets, others did not have wi fi connection at home and some

were disturbed by family members (parents or younger brothers, sisters).

School is useful: we like to be able to talk with friends at school, we like to have contacts with the teachers and we like to study for the tests. All these things are part of our teens' life and they are very important for us!

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