

Given the huge share using Apple, the lack of flash capability was a problem raised by approximately 9% of you as well as the need to access Windows which 6% of you mentioned.

“Connect to an interactive whiteboard at a reasonable cost”

“Use flash so that we could use more BBC content”

“more connectivity with scientific software”

“Use Microsoft office easily, synchronize with school server automatically.”

Although 75% of respondents were happy with wireless connectivity, network and internet issues were problematic for 6% of you who made suggestions including being able to sync to the school server or having better wireless connectivity.

2. GROUP FUNCTIONALITY

One useful feature for using tablets with students would be the ability to control class sets, but 35% of you do not have this feature and of those that do, only a quarter are happy with it.

Overall, GROUP FUNCTIONALITY made up 8% of recommendations.

“Send items between each other”

“I wish they could detect multi users and store relevant data to the cloud”

3. APPS

“3rd party apps, escape the clutches of iTunes”

“more free educational apps”

74% of you rated as high or very high the access to APPS. However, only 48% of you were happy with educational apps with 10% of you not having access to them at all on your tablets. For many, the limited availability of apps was the biggest area of concern.

4. DESIGN FEATURES

Over 60% of you rated all the listed design features as high or very high with the quality of display, size and processing speed being the highest rated. Although still liked by the majority, lower ratings came in for battery life (67%), memory size (62%) and camera quality (62%). These were reflected in the DESIGN improvements raised, particularly concerning the camera, battery life, processor speed, memory and screen.

“Have a better camera, and a slightly longer battery life”

“expandable memory”

“better screen in bright sunlight”

“colour screen”

5. COST

COST was an issue for a few of you and this had an impact on the ability to have class sets.

“Reduce cost to school to enable us to purchase more units”

“have an inbuilt nearpod style facility that does not cost £1000's for a site license”

CONCLUSION

Ultimately, you want tablets that are affordable, flexible, multi-platform, multi-functional tools to improve teaching and learning and maybe even *“make coffee”* or *“cook dinner”*!

For more information see: <http://www.schoolzone.co.uk/surveys/syndreviews/results/results.asp?n=Tablets>