

## **8X8 Digital Telephony**

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Prepare your School for the PSTN and ISDN Switch-Off in 2027!

## WHAT IS IT?

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By 31st January 2027 UK phone lines will move from the old PSTN (public switched telephone network) to IP-based digital telephony using a fibre network. In simpler terms your school's phone system and telephony devices will rely on a fibre broadband connection.

Our new <u>Digital Telephony Service (8X8)</u> provides an option for our <u>Broadband and Online Services</u> subscribers to meet this requirement and offers a solution tailored for the needs of schools and multi-academy trusts (MAT). This solution is simple to use, offering traditional handsets, or headset options for laptops and computers and is supported from any mobile or internet connection.

## 8X8 webinar recording:



Our latest webinar recording for the 8X8 Digital Telephony webinar is available to view now.

Click the <u>below video</u> to watch the recording and learn more about digital telephony (VoIP) and the analogue switch off in 2025.



## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

- Flexibility and Portability Designed to work from any compatible VoIP phone, computer, laptop or mobile device. Your external school numbers are no longer tied to a specific location or device, and you have full control over how inbound calls are routed and answered.
- Visibility and Control Get access to your own management dashboard where you can manage the system, review call costs and usage.
- Scalability Designed to scale from the smallest Primary School up to the largest MAT, and to grow or shrink according to your needs.
- **Microsoft Teams ready** Integration allows for a full unified communications solution that combines traditional voice into a single platform providing voice, video and messaging.
- **Simplicity and Familiarity** Option to use the service with a compatible VoIP phone, providing a solution that is as familiar to use as a traditional telephone.
- Secured and Updated Configured to fully secure your voice traffic, and frequent updates to the software ensures that your operations are not put at unnecessary risk.
- Cloud Service Benefit from a cloud provided service, available where you need it. It requires no on-premises server infrastructure to be installed at the school.
- Resilient and Reliable If your school loses power or broadband, you can easily redirect the school number to another place such as a mobile, or provide a recorded message to inform callers.
- Sustainability Lancashire County Council select suppliers who can demonstrate their commitment to tackling sustainability and promoting environmentally responsible practices.

For more information about the PTSN switch off, please <u>click here.</u>

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