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IMPORTANT: ACCESS TO DIGITAL DEVICES

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, last year we issued all of our available school laptops to families without access to a device and when we did this we prioritised our older pupils. Despite laptops being loaned, we still have a significant number of pupils who do not have access to a device. This is a real issue as the **paper learning packs do not provide the same invaluable opportunities for pupils to access differentiated activities, videos tutorials and live feedback on learning from their teachers.**

We are pleased to now be in a position to be able to offer to loan iPads to families so that more of our pupils can access and continue their learning from home. We will also be collecting in laptops which were issued to Year 5 and Year 6 but which disappointingly haven't been used. Unfortunately, we do not have enough for everyone so on this occasion we will be offering them to the pupils in Y2-Y4 **who we know do not have access to a device.**

Parents will be invited in to school to collect the device where they will also be asked to sign a loan agreement which states that it remains the property of the school and that it must be returned to school in the same condition.

Once families are issued with a device, it is expected that the device will be used to engage with their learning remotely. Please note that the Education Welfare Service is monitoring pupil engagement in remote learning while schools are closed. The view of the Education Welfare Service is that if a family have been issued a device but it hasn't been used, that **parents are neglecting their child's right to an education.**

Staff will be in contact by the end of the week to arrange a date and time for you to come to school to collect a device.

Kind regards,

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