

7th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

COVID-19 Access to Technology Support

As you may be aware, the government has provided a number of laptops/tablets for individual schools so that as many children as possible are able to access remote learning. Contrary to the media and government, the number of devices provided does not match the number of children who may need one. We have been allocated a small number of tablets that we are able to allocate.

The criterion for allocating who can have them is set out by the government as

- Children who are Children who are categorised as 'disadvantaged' (eligible for free school meals or from low income families).
- Children in Years 3-11 in all schools
- Families where a device is being used by more than 2 children.

All three of the points above must be met for eligibility.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-laptops-and-tablets-for-children-who-cannot-attend-school-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19>

To enable us to identify who may benefit from one of these devices, we ask that you complete the online form using the link below by 6pm Monday 11th January.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScnd1OUFcSUffZ7vzAvZFcGYn4r4akHciSVcJ3ws1FTKBkm1g/viewform?usp=sf_link

We cannot guarantee that every parent/carer who applies will receive a device but we will try our best accommodate as many families as we can.

Alternative ways to log on to Google Classrooms via Xbox and Playstation

If you have a computer console at home and or no other available devices you can access Google Classroom via these platforms. You will need a USB keyboard and a Wi-Fi connection.

Please follow the link for how to access: <https://www.pocket-lint.com/apps/news/google/155204-how-to-use-google-classroom-on-xbox-and-playstation>

Kind regards,

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