



Mayfield Primary School

'Valuing Every Achievement'

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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, the Government had promised laptops/electronic devices for some pupils in all schools, to aid with online home learning should a bubble need to go home to isolate due to COVID19. As you may have seen in the press lately, this promise has been u-turned with schools having their allocations cut by up to 80%, or even more, in some cases and the government therefore again failing to deliver on their promises to our children during this pandemic.

We have decided that as a school, we cannot accept this and will not have any pupils at a disadvantage due to allocation cuts, which does not allow them access to any device if they should need to learn from home. We have identified, and are in the process of preparing, laptops and iPads that we can personally make available should any bubble go down. Our intention is to have a set ready to roll out if/when needed.

These devices will be allocated to the children, should they meet the criteria and should a request be made, if any bubbles need to self-isolate due to a positive COVID 19 test result within the bubble. The criteria is set out below.

SCHOOL CRITERIA

- No laptop at home (KS2 Pupils)
- No iPad at home (EYFS/KSI Pupils)
- If siblings are both/all isolating making it difficult to share devices.

Devices will not come with internet provided but will have the relevant apps for children to access. You will need to connect your own wireless internet to the device. All devices will be subject to a contract with a significant lost/damaged fee applied within there if this occurs (£349 laptop, £329 IPad). **Devices would be 'loaned' out free of charge for the isolation period**, which would be no longer than 14 days (including weekends). All devices are tracked and smart water marked. Devices will be allocated on the first school day of bubble isolation occurring and must be returned on the first school day after the bubble isolation ends. If you meet the criteria and express interest we will then ask you to sign our contract so that the devices can be sent to you if needed.

We are hoping that no other bubbles will go down due to COVID, however we feel we need to ensure all our pupils are able to home learn should this happen despite the Government no longer supporting schools with this.

If you feel that your child/ren would qualify for a device, please indicate below.

Registering your interest for a device based on the above criteria, does not guarantee you a device as demand could outweigh supply – however we hope this would not be the case.

YOU MUST REPLY TO THIS REQUEST IN ORDER TO HAVE CHANCE TO RECEIVE OUR OFFER. IF YOU DON'T REPLY WE WILL HAVE TO ASSUME YOU DO NOT NEED ANY SUPPORT WITH DEVICES IF YOUR CHILD'S BUBBLE CLOSES.

PLEASE RESPOND VIA THE APP WITH FOLLOWING INFORMATION

Do you need a device? YES/NO
Child/ren's Name
Class/es
Criteria Met (Please indicate which)

This information needs to be returned to school by Friday 20th November.