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"Walking together with Jesus to Love, Learn and Serve"

Dear Parents

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We recognise how difficult some of you may find the remote learning, especially without good access to iPads or laptops.

Some of you have been doing a brilliant job with children, especially those who are using phones or a family shared IT resources, as we know that this is not ideal.

As a school, we are looking into various ways of getting more IT into school so that the children can have access via a loan system if we were to go into lockdown. Unfortunately, however, supplies are very limited and, at present, will only be available to identified children and in priority order.

As we are currently working on this we do still feel that it is important that families get on top of their IT and get repairs etc if needed as this will help us greatly.

The current priority order is

- Children in KS2- Year 6 children will be given priority and then be given to Year 5 and so on
- Children who are pupil premium children *and have no known access to IT*
- Children with a number of siblings *with no access or shared access to IT*
- Children who are classed as vulnerable
- Children who are using a phone

At present, we are looking at Year 6 (iPads) and Y5 (Amazon tablets) but this is still only in the pipeline.

We are trialling the Amazon tablets and hoping that they will work at home as this is much more cost effective. We will train the children in school and put as much software on as possible. Miss Jones will then support parents, who may just need to open an Amazon account to allow this.

If your child has been identified, we will be getting in contact with you shortly. All the IT devices will be on loan only and a loan agreement will be given out and need to be signed.

Parents will need to sort out internet access and, at this moment, if this cannot be done, the device should be returned as it can be re-allocated.

In some instances, it may be that the devices need to be shared with siblings but at least this is a start.

I am sure that you will appreciate that we are doing our best to be fair and, at this stage, we do not have the resources to give every child a device so it is only those children who we know do not have access to a computer. The best provision still remains for your child to have their own computer at home.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L McEvoy

