

27th April 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Government package to support online learning (Year 10 only)

The Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, announced recently that Schools and Colleges will soon be able to get access to laptops and tablets as part of a push to make remote education accessible for pupils staying at home during the coronavirus outbreak.

At Bosworth Academy all students are already provided with an iPad as part of our approach to learning. However, we believe that some children may still qualify for government support if their criteria is met.

The Department for Education has said the focus of support will be for some Year 10 pupils who are disadvantaged, care leavers and school children with social workers who do not already have these devices during the most vital stages of their education. The government will also provide 4G dongles and 4G routers to make sure disadvantaged secondary school pupils and care leavers can access the internet - where those families do not already have mobile or broadband internet in the household.

If you are eligible then a device will be made available on loan to your child during the closure period. The device will then be returned to schools to keep once they have reopened. This means that the devices can be used across the wider school to support all students' learning in the future when schools reopen.

We will be working with the Local Authority once we receive further guidance on how to place online orders for devices for eligible pupils. Schools, parents and pupils will not be able to order the devices themselves.

To prepare for this process I have sent you a google form questionnaire <https://forms.gle/tLdgT6kpuzebTxZV6> about your IT provision and access to speed up the process once we know more. Please complete this form by Thursday 30th April.

In the meantime if you have any concerns or questions please contact your child's Head of Year, Mrs. Manning by email jmanning@bosworthacademy.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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