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Dear Parent/Guardian

Laptop Donations

We are getting lots of requests from parents/guardians, asking for laptops to use at home by their children, as they are not able to come into school. Unfortunately, although we have received a delivery of laptops from the DFE, and have received wonderful donations from the High Sheriff of Bedford and from the Banks family, these can only be issued to students who are in receipt of Pupil Premium, or to students who are vulnerable. Even with these generous donations, we have not been allocated enough to cover this group by a significant number.

I am, therefore, asking for your help in supporting the children across our community, who are in desperate need of laptops, as they may not be able to return to school for some time. If you have a laptop you no longer need, or want, and it is still in full working order, would you consider donating it to the school, please? We can then donate it to a young person who wants to learn and progress but cannot do so, due to either a lack of ICT equipment at home, or financial constraints, that make it impossible for their family to purchase one. Many of these students are having to work using a mobile phone or a shared tablet, or simply have no means of accessing online learning, and so they rely on the school creating hard copies of all resources, which is not the same experience as other students. The Government has arranged more access to broadband and mobile data, but for these students this is pointless without the necessary ICT equipment.

If you are willing to make a donation to us of your old laptops and/or tablets, please make sure your hard drive is wiped of any of your personal information and then bring it to the school's main reception and we will do the rest. This act of kindness really could make a huge difference to the life chances of a young person and support many families who really need our help at present, due to no fault of their own.

I would like to thank you, on behalf of the school and our students, in advance for any help you can give us to support these students that so desperately need these ICT resources.

Yours faithfully

Miss K Hayward
Executive Principal