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## Allocation of digital devices

Dear Parents,

As new measures to prevent the spread of Covid 19 have been put into place we have had to move to virtual learning, from home, for most of our pupils.

We are aware that this puts a strain on the digital devices that are available for pupils to use in the home and that some families are requesting further support in accessing these devices from school.

You may remember that we wrote to you earlier this year, asking for information regarding the resources that you had in the home to support remote learning. We are using this information to help us allocate resources to those who are in the most need, and these families have already been contacted.

We have received 32 laptops from the Department for Education which we will allocate to students in need. Devices need to be set up to allow them to be used away from school and we are working as quickly as possible on this. Once these devices have been distributed, we will begin to look into the possibility of sharing other devices that would normally be used by pupils in school to families that are at home in the community.

The criteria that we have used to determine the allocation of devices, for those pupils who are unable to be in school and do not have access to devices, in order of priority are as follows:

1. A looked after child (one who is in care, fostered or adopted)
2. A child with an EHCP
3. A child with a social worker
4. A pupil in a home with no digital devices
5. A 'Pupil Premium' child
6. A child with SEND
7. A family with siblings at Portswood Primary School, where devices are being shared, limiting access to on-line learning

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If you have not already been contacted and would like to request that the school supports your child further through the allocation of devices, please complete the attached form by clicking the link below. Please be aware that the number of devices we have as a school are limited. If we can help you in this matter, you will be contacted by the school.

<http://bit.ly/38kKWr6>

Yours sincerely,

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