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For the attention of Headteacher, Principal, Multi-Academy Trust Chief Executive, Chair of Governors

Dear Colleague

Further details are emerging regarding the Secretary of State for Education announcement to support remote education.

The most recent announcement is below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19#history>

If you have missed the original announcements are below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-help-with-technology-for-remote-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-major-package-to-support-online-learning>

Announcements and further guidance received this week contains the following key points.

- Only the Local authorities, trusts and other relevant organisations overseeing schools will be able to place orders for equipment. Not Schools as previously thought.
- Internet and digital devices will be delivered directly to the schools or local authorities named in the application.
- Organisations can arrange for devices to be collected by families from school (following [social distancing guidelines](#)), or can send them to pupils' homes.
- Online education platform support updates

The eligibility and scope of the announcement has also been updated today.

Laptops and tablets will be provided for disadvantaged families, children and young people who do not currently have access to them. Eligible people are:

- care leavers
- children and young people aged 0 to 19 with a social worker
- disadvantaged year 10 pupils

Internet access will be provided through 4G hotspot devices for any of the following people who do not currently have it:

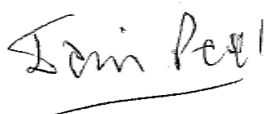
- care leavers
- young people aged 11 to 19 with a social worker
- disadvantaged year 10 pupils

People aged 16 to 19 without a suitable device for education will be eligible for support through the 16 to 19 Bursary Fund. Those offering 16 to 19 education should visit the [16 to 19 Bursary Fund](#) to find out about eligibility for relevant funding and support.

Once we have further information about how to order and our allocation of resources we will be in contact with you individually to ensure we are able to identify, capture and support all the children we could benefit from this scheme. If you could start to identify those children who you know already to not have internet access or access to a suitable device, we will be in contact again next week.

Many thanks for all of your help to keep the county safe and running. We appreciate everything that you are doing and please pass my thanks on to all of your staff.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Iain Peel". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

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