



Appleby Primary School

*"An inclusive community where together we empower
creative minds and inspire a love of learning"*

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Dear Parents,

Support with Digital Devices

I would like to start by commending you all for the amazing response following the shift to remote teaching for pupils required to learn from home as part of the current National Lockdown.

It has been great to see children engaging so creatively with the range of curriculum tasks shared by teachers receiving feedback and support remotely through our digital learning platforms. We recognise that the shift in emphasis and expectations with regard to remote learning is a steep learning curve and I know that creativity and dedication of the staff at our school will ensure that this continues to grow and develop.

Whilst teachers are working hard to ensure that, as far as possible, remote learning activities can be completed without the requirement to work solely on a laptop or computer, we understand that access to internet enabled devices can limit the capacity of pupils to learn at home as effectively as we would hope. You will no doubt be aware that the government has enabled schools to apply for a limited number of digital devices to support with remote teaching. We have been able to access and order our allocation of five devices today.

We have also been working hard to gather and prepare devices in school to be sent home to support children and hope to distribute these as soon as possible. You will appreciate, that pupils accessing learning in school are continuing to use ipads and laptops in school and so we have only a limited number of additional devices available to loan. These will be need to be distributed therefore on a priority basis.

If your child is experiencing difficulty engaging with remote teaching due to limited or no access to an internet enabled device such as a laptop or tablet please contact the school office on 01768351431 or email admin@applebyprimary.cumbria.sch.uk . Please explain in a few words why you are experiencing difficulty in order to help us to prioritise distribution of school devices and other ways in which we may be able to help.

Yours sincerely

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