



Lockerbie Academy



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Dear Parent/Carer

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR DEVICES FOR PUPILS

During lockdown the Scottish Government announced funding to help support families who did not have access to technology to allow learning to continue at home. We have now received a number of laptops to issue to pupils who do not have a device at home. The criteria that has been used to decide if someone is to be offered a device is being in receipt of free school meals. Your child(dren) qualify to be offered this device. **Please note if you were loaned a laptop during lockdown and this has not been returned yet, we will require the school device back first before we issue this device.**

Before we issue the device, we need to check that you require this. If you already have a device at home and having another laptop would not be of use then we can allocate this device to a family who does not receive free school meals but do not have the finances to buy a laptop.

When we issue laptops, these will be for pupils to keep. They can be used at home and be brought into school. The only exception to pupils being allowed to keep the device is anyone who will leave us at the summer holidays. This is likely to be any senior pupils who do not plan to stay on at school. If this is the case, these pupils will need to return them before leaving us. Any ongoing maintenance costs or damage will be parental responsibility and will not be provided by the council.

We plan to run through with pupils that take the devices how they work and what they might want to add to the laptop to get the best use out of these for supporting their learning.

Please consider if you would benefit from receiving this laptop by replying to the text message you received with the link to this letter and state **ACCEPT** if you will take the laptop and **DECLINE** if you do not require the laptop. A reply must be received by **11 December 2020**.

If you need to discuss this further then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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