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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to let you know about a new scheme launched by the Department for Education (DfE) to provide digital devices eg. laptops and internet access to students to support them with their remote learning during this period of school closure. More details about the scheme can be found at the link below

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

As you will have noticed from the guidance, schools have been asked to identify and prioritise students who are eligible for this support. The criteria for eligibility is as follows

- care leavers (any student in care on or after their 16th birthday)
- young people aged 11 to 19 with a social worker
- disadvantaged year 10 pupils (in receipt of Free School Meals or Income Support)

If your daughter meets any of the eligibility criteria above and is in need of this support to enable her to complete her home learning then please can you inform me by sending an email to dsingh@brentford.hounslow.sch.uk with your daughter's full name and reasons for requesting this support. Please note that we will have to prioritise requests based on the number of laptops we are allocated. The government has not given any clear indication of when schools can expect to receive these laptops but we will contact you as soon as we have more information to let you know if and when you will be receiving these resources.

Please note that as a school, we are endeavoring to support every student in our care to ensure that they are able to access the home learning being provided. If your daughter does not meet any of the criteria above but is nevertheless struggling to access or complete any of the home learning work being set then please can you email me at the email address above so we can try to find a solution.

Lastly, I would like to reassure all students, especially those in Y10 and Y12 that your teachers are aware that when we return to school there will be some gaps in your understanding despite the work you are completing at home. Please know that as teachers we are skilled at identifying and addressing those gaps, that is our job. So whilst I ask that you try your best with the work being set, do not stress if after having contacted your teacher, you still have pieces of work that you do not understand. When we return to school closing those gaps will be our priority!

Keep well and stay safe.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Singh
Deputy Headteacher

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