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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will be aware, the situation regarding positive cases of Covid-19 is increasing across the country at the moment. We have had notification that the Department for Education may be allocating a set number of laptops to schools that are affected by a closure or a local lockdown due to Covid-19.

Although the number of devices allocated to each school will be decided at the time of the closure, the Local Authority is keen to plan now so that they can move quickly should this situation arise. In light of this I am just gathering information from all parents/carers.

The criteria for eligibility is different to the previous round during national lockdown. To be able to order devices, the following conditions must be met:

- The school has been closed to pupils on official advice either individually or as part of a local lockdown
- A pupil is shielding on official advice because they are clinically extremely vulnerable (as at time of writing, the government guidance is that no one is officially shielding as rates of transmission are low, should this change, the government will write to the individual or their parents and this letter will be deemed "official advice")

Any pupil receiving a device must also meet the following:

- They have no digital device at home, ie. Kindle, tablet, laptop or PC
- Their only device is a smartphone
- They have a single device but this is shared with more than one other family member
- They have no fixed broadband

To help me gather the necessary information, please can you contact the school office direct if any of the above points apply to your child.

Your sincerely

S Smith
Headteacher

