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Access to Remote Learning

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! It seems difficult to believe that it's still the first week of term with so much having happened. Before anything else, I have to say how proud I am of our staff here at Slindon Church of England Primary School. Never in my career have I seen such resilience, positivity and such rapid adaptations- all to do their best to support the children in their classes. I have felt very fortunate this week.

Remote Learning

Huge thanks to you at home for your engagement and willingness to support your children in accessing Google Classroom this week. The hardest part is done and with any 'niggles' ironed out, I know it's going to be a great success.

As you will have seen, our daily teaching on Google Classroom is significantly different to what we were able to do last summer. We want to move that forward even further and include some 'live teaching' through Google Meet (like Zoom where the teacher and children can all see each other). But being the inclusive school that we are, I don't want to move to this without all of our children being able to participate. Children will need a device with a camera, so I need to know if you do not have a device that would support this. We continue to wait for the Department for Education to release our allocation of five laptops and therefore, once I have developed a User Agreement, we will, as we did last summer, loan out some of our Google Chromebooks.

I need to know by Monday 11th January 2021 if you would like to request to loan a Google Chromebook from school, if so please email office@slindonprimary.co.uk

Unfortunately we will only have a limited number and may not have enough for all the requests we receive.

The government are offering mobile data increases for disadvantaged children to further support access to remote education. If you do not have fixed broadband at home or require additional data to support remote learning, mobile phone users with the following networks can request data by emailing office@slindonprimary.co.uk

- Three
- Smarty
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- TESCO mobile
- Sky mobile

If you would like to request mobile data, we will need to know the name of the account holder, the mobile number and the mobile network (e.g. EE). Again, please let us know this information by Monday 11th January 2021.

I will send a newsletter next week with further updates and information, but please let us know if you require any of the above as soon as possible.

Have a good weekend, stay safe.

Lucy Cooper (Headteacher)