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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to you to ask you for your support in a new initiative we are undertaking across our group of schools during the pandemic lockdown and beyond.

I have been incredibly impressed by our children and our parents' have embraced the online learning through this difficult time. We truly understand the challenges that parents need to overcome in order to do this and the fact that learning at home can be quite difficult.

One of the key barriers for many families has been the limited access to online and home learning when the whole family is accessing hardware (computers/laptops/tablets/smartphones) and space at the same time. On average we know that over one third of children nationally do not have regular access to hardware needed for online learning.

We have been chosen as a Trust to be one of the schools who will provide support for other schools and parents. A key area we would like to support with is the access to hardware for children in Key stage 2. The way we feel we can best support our Key stage 2 children is by:

1. Providing IT Technical Support for families as an online help service and a technical support service with home devices.
2. Seek donations of unwanted laptops (**Max 5 years old, min 4GB ram and 80GB hard drive**) that our IT department can reconfigure, recondition, and prepare for schools to use which we could loan to families who are struggling to access online learning.

Our IT department will be available to offer advice and technical support to help families who may need to ensure their personal devices are fit for purpose, safe and setup to maximise learning opportunities.

For the Trust to find out what kind of things parents/families may need most help with, with regards to technical support, DSAT have created a survey which is posted below.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7cXzqZdY-kCCZ246vAAaNEPfqS2IkI9IpVRDX1Orj1ZUNk82Q1dJMko2TIMyVEFOSloyNIFVN0pZRS4u>

Some parents have already contacted us saying that they have some spare hardware or know that their businesses/workplaces may have devices they are happy to donate for this project. If you are able to, please help us by taking your laptop/tablet to your local school at your earliest convenience and/or share this email address with your employers - alapidge@discoveryschoolstrust.org.uk, and [we could arrange collection in the coming weeks when restrictions are more so relaxed](#).

I will also be sharing, in the next few weeks, our policy about the expectations for online learning for the future and what we will be doing to further ensure it is accessible, measured, and achievable for children.

Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tamgumus
Headteacher

