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Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Second Phase of Reduced Cost Devices from LGfL**

I am writing to inform you that the London Grid for Learning (LGfL) are now offering our families the opportunity to buy devices at a reduced cost, to help support learning at home again. This is the **second phase** of this scheme.

Please be aware because there is a global shortage of digital devices, any devices that you purchase will likely be delivered in December 2020. We realise that this could impact on your child's learning, but this aspect of the purchase is completely out of our control. The long-term investment will hopefully outweigh this fact.

**Key Information**

LGfL is commissioning many digital devices to help reduce the costs for parents. Discovery is working with them to make these available to our families. We hope that this initiative will help increase the number of children who have direct access to a learning device. If you as a family wish to join the purchasing deal, you can do so through your local school (BCPS).

There are some conditions which parents need to be aware of:

1. You will need to pay up front for your device(s)
2. The device would be your property and any warranties are directly with the manufacturer. However, we will be supporting families during this process and further details are outlined below.
3. The device must be used by a child attending one of our schools

We really hope you can see the value of this supportive measure, and please be reassured that there is no obligation for any parent to buy purchase through this scheme. We will continue to increase the number of devices available to children in our schools. We will also continue to develop a blended online learning approach that supports children learning in school and at home over the next few years.

**Device Options**

There are two main devices available as shown below, both have identical specs other than the WinBook 300e includes a touchscreen display and digital pen. Both devices will include a laptop bag to ensure safe travel.

- The Lenovo WinBook 100e is £174.59 Including a carry bag
- The Lenovo WinBook 300e is £221.39 Including a carry bag

Further information on the LGfL scheme can be found on their [website](#).



**Lenovo WinBook 100e**



**Lenovo WinBook 300e**

- Screen Size: 11.6"
- Processor: AMD 3015e
- Memory: 4GB Soldered LPDDR4 - 2400
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### **Recommended Additional Purchases**

Although not vital, it is recommended that you purchase the two items below to make home learning easier for children. These can be purchased from anywhere, but we have included links to Amazon as an example.

- [USB Mouse](#)
- [Audio Headset](#)

We are able to provide additional management options for the devices although this would incur an additional **annual charge** of £15 per device. This would include a Mobile Device Management (MDM) option to ensure the device remains configured correctly and to provide website content filtering.

### **Technical Support**

#### **Your Laptop Warranty**

The laptop comes with a 1-year warranty with the manufacturer itself. Should you have any issues please contact the manufacturer directly. A link to Lenovo's warranty page can be found below.

<https://pcsupport.lenovo.com/gb/en/warrantylookup#/>

#### **Accessing Support**

We are able to offer support via our helpdesk, this support is intended for supporting the laptops in relation to education use only. To access the helpdesk system, simply email [icthelpdesk@discoveryschoolstrust.org.uk](mailto:icthelpdesk@discoveryschoolstrust.org.uk) with your request.

#### **Online Curriculum**

If parents wish for their children to bring this laptop or other devices into to school to support your children's learning, we will be developing further protocols to allow this to happen for the start of the autumn term. As a Trust we will continue to use three main platforms for learning Microsoft Teams, Century, and Timetables Rock Stars.

## Next Steps

There are only a limited number of devices available and will be sold on a first come, first served basis (based on payment received). This scheme is aimed at supporting children in our schools and therefore is only available if your child or children attend one of our schools.

## Further Information

In order to purchase a device, please visit our Discovery Holiday Camp website where you will see the device options at the bottom of the page. If you are unable to access this, please contact your school.

The Discovery Holiday Camp website is at

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=852>

To submit any queries you can either email [smartbuyscheme@discoveryschooltrust.org.uk](mailto:smartbuyscheme@discoveryschooltrust.org.uk) or contact your school directly and ask them to pass on any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely



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