



"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together"

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Dear parents and carers

Remote learning devices

We are aware that accessing remote learning for many families can be a real challenge, particularly if devices are shared between several member of the same household. For some families, it is possible that children may even be using a smart phone to access their learning which may not be ideal.

I wish that we could provide everyone at home with a reliable laptop and internet access. However, this is just not possible. **The government's scheme to provide IT for home learners has delivered just 11 laptops for our 446 learners. We do, however, have a number of other devices that could be loaned if there is a need.**

We also have access to a limited number of free SIM cards (provided by Vodaphone) which could be used to enable a device if you do not have a reliable broadband connection.

In order that we can allocate any devices or SIM cards fairly, please email devicerequest@stvincent.herts.sch.uk giving details of what the current issue is e.g. you might tell us that there are no devices at home, or that there is only one device but this is being used for your homeworking as well as the children's learning. This will allow us to prioritise the limited devices that we have so that they go to those most in need.

Needless to say, we will only be considering applications for loans of devices from those families who have children working from home currently.

I gather that **People for People Stevenage** are also setting up a second-hand device distribution scheme within the town. As soon as I know more about this, I will share the details.

Please do not be too proud in coming forward; there are many challenges with home learning and if we can help anyone overcome the most basic of hurdles, access via a device, we would like to be able to help.

Thank you for all that you are doing to support children with their learning from home. The first week is almost done – well done!

Yours sincerely

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