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We follow in Christ's footsteps

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Dear Parents/Carers

Additional laptops – support for remote learning.

We received a small number of laptops from the Department for Education, which we have been able to issue to families to help them access remote learning. We are aware, however, that there are still other families finding the situation at home difficult as they juggle devices possibly between parents and children or between siblings.

I am therefore delighted to share news that one of our families has very kindly donated more laptops, which can be allocated to pupils to make this challenging time a little easier. We are anticipating these laptops will arrive shortly. We are extremely grateful for this wonderful gesture, motivated by the desire to ensure as many of our pupils as possible have access to the technology they need.

If you feel you are facing challenges at home, which could be eased through use of an additional laptop, please contact us. All enquiries will be completely confidential. We will contact you when the laptops are available to arrange a safe collection.

For those of you finding home learning a challenge, remember we are here for you – to offer support, guidance or even just a listening ear if you are having a particularly challenging day. We are very grateful for all your efforts - accessing and uploading work on Purple Mash and now engaging with Teams.

On Friday, we will send out a link to a parental questionnaire via email. I know everyone is very busy, but it would be extremely useful to have a high level of response. This would help us moving forward.

We also intend to send out a pupil questionnaire via parent email as we do not want to forget the important voice of our pupils! Please sit with your child to go through the questions (even if they have been attending school), type their response or oversee them completing the survey (depending on age of pupils). It is important that it is completed sensibly – again to help us move forward.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, or any other issues you would like to discuss, please email: diptonstpatricks@durhamlearning.net.

Kind regards

Mrs Burgess
Headteacher

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