

7th January 2021

Dear Parents

Accessing remote learning

I am aware that some parents are having difficulty accessing the remote learning for the following reasons:

- Lack of appropriate devices
- No fixed broadband
- Cost of additional data

If you are having difficulties with technology please complete the form below and we will do everything we can to help you.

If you have an old tablet or laptop which you could donate to the school please leave it in the box at the front door. We will endeavour to get them up and running so families can use them to access the internet.

The current situation

Can I get a device from school to help with home learning?

As we have so many children in school at the moment, unfortunately all of the school iPads and laptops are being used for onsite learning. We do have a few iPads that have been purchased by the Lions which Mrs Silins is able to lend out to families most in need.

The government has said that they are providing laptops and tablets to schools to support remote education. Currently secondary schools are in the process of ordering and primary schools will be invited to order devices 'in the coming weeks'. I anticipate these devices will not be available any time soon.

Dyson has donated some laptops to the school however our IT support need to finish setting these up before we can lend them out but we hope to be able to get them out to families soon.

It is possible for children to access online learning from their X-box or play station. To do this follow the instructions below.

Using Xbox or PlayStation to access Hwb

Accessing your remote learning. An alternative method of accessing remote learning during times of lockdown.

Xbox

1. Plug a keyboard in to the Xbox USB slot
2. Go in to my games and apps
3. Find Microsoft Edge and select
4. Type in: Hwb and log in as you would in school
5. You can then access your work through Google Classroom or OneDrive and use key packages including:
 - Word
 - Teams
 - Excel
 - PowerPoint
 - Your emails
6. To move around you use the Xbox control or plug in a mouse

PlayStation

1. Identify the PlayStation internet browser icon (it is WWW with dots around it)
2. Press the PlayStation logo on the controller
3. Go to the library and find options for games and applications
4. Go in to applications and you will find the internet browser
5. Type Hwb into the browser and log in as you would in school
6. You can then access your work through Google Classroom or OneDrive and use key packages including:
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I do not have fixed broadband and I cannot afford additional data.

I currently have a small number of **Vodafone 3 in 1 SIM cards with 30GB data for 90 days** which can be used in all types of tables, dongles and Wi-Fi devices. If you would like one of these please tick the box on the attached form.

The government has a scheme to increase data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children. This temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks. If you are interested in accessing this scheme please tick the box on the attached form.

If increasing mobile data isn't an option we can request **4G wireless routers** for families. If you are interested in more information about this please tick the box on the form.



HELP WITH TECHNOLOGY TO ACCESS REMOTE LEARNING DURING LOCKDOWN.

If you are experiencing difficulties accessing remote learning please complete the form below and return it by email to the school office: admin@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk

Full name: Click or tap here to enter text.

Full name(s) of child/ren: Click or tap here to enter text. Click or tap here to enter text.

Click or tap here to enter text.

I would like a device (tablet or laptop) to help with home learning

I would like a Vodafone 3 in 1 SIM card with

I would be interested in the government scheme to increase data allowances for disadvantaged families.

I would be interested in the government 4G wireless router scheme