



NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY  
SAMWORTH ACADEMY

6<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware, we were given some laptops by the DfE last year to disseminate to children who required them.

The DfE have now offering this provision again. Our aim is for all students within the school to have a device. The good news is that the DfE are also offering support with mobile phone data for students, alongside the possibility of offering 4G routers to households that may require them. Please read on for the guidance around who may be entitled to a laptop, extra data or 4G router.

### **A laptop:**

### **Who qualifies?**

Schools will be able to order an allocation of devices for:

- disadvantaged children (students who are in receipt of free school meals or have been within the past 6 years) in years 7 to 11 who do not have access to a device
- disadvantaged children (students who are in receipt of free school meals or have been within the past 6 years) in any year group who have been [advised to shield](#) because they (or someone they live with) are clinically extremely vulnerable
- Children with no digital devices in their household
- Children whose only available device is a smartphone
- Children with a single device in their household that's being shared with more than one other family member
- Children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

### **How do we apply to receive a laptop?**

Complete the form at the end of this letter by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm.

### **Will we definitely get given a laptop and when?**

On receiving our request, the DfE will then decide how many laptops we are entitled too. They have not yet given a timeline for the delivery of the laptops so unfortunately this part of the process is outside of our control.

### **We have already been given one laptop for our family, but have more than one child at NUSA, can we apply again?**

Yes

### **Increased mobile data for students' phones:**

#### **Who can get help?**

Schools, trusts and local authorities can request mobile data increases for children and young people who:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

#### **Which phone networks does it supply?**

Children with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit:

- Three
- Smarty
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- Tesco Mobile
- Sky Mobile

Other providers may join the scheme at a later stage.

#### **What information do we need to provide if we want to use this offer?**

For each request, we need to know:

- the name of the account holder
- the number of the mobile device
- the mobile network of that device (for example Three)

#### **How do I apply?**

Complete the form at the end of this letter by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm.

#### **How will I know if this has been accepted?**

Once a network provider has processed a data increase, they'll send a text message to the account holder.

### **4G router – please only apply for this if you are not able to apply for increased mobile data:**

#### **Who can get help?**

If you cannot get a mobile data increase, we can request 4G wireless routers for disadvantaged children:

- in years 7 to 11 who do not have internet access and whose face-to-face education is disrupted
- in any year group who have been [advised to shield](#) because they (or someone they live with) are clinically extremely vulnerable

**How do I apply?**

Complete the form at the end of this letter by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm.

**Will we definitely get given a 4G router and when?**

On receiving our request, the DfE will then decide how many routers we are entitled too. They have not yet given a timeline for the delivery of the routers so unfortunately this part of the process is outside of our control.

If you wish to apply for any of the above, please complete the survey link below by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LuLr9FO180SIVj4NhJCOuJ3I5BxLxw5AjCKkTPyHePBUOVZGR0tLuzVZT1UzRU9STTRDTIVBM1AyOS4u>

Please complete one form per child at NUSA.

If you have any questions/queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on ehoward@nusa.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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