



Guru Nanak Multi Academy Trust Ltd

Incorporating:
Nanaksar Primary School &
Guru Nanak Sikh Academy
Founder – Sant Baba Amar Singh Ji

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Dear Parent

RE: Requests for Loan of Technology Equipment for Home Learning

Following on from the Prime Minister's announcement to keep schools closed and to provide remote learning up to the February half term, we have seen an increased demand of loan requests for devices to support home learning during the lockdown.

Our priority within the Academy has always been to support students as much as possible to ensure education continues. However, there are limitations on the number of devices that have been allocated to the Academy by the Department of Education which has resulted in us reviewing the process of distributing devices.

If you fall within one of the categories below, and have yet to receive a device, please contact the Academy via email: admin@gnsa.co.uk with your expression of interest and email subject header as Technology Loan Interest.

1. Disadvantaged children, those in receipt of free school meals, who do not currently have access to any device at all and are not eligible to be on site.
2. Disadvantaged children who have been advised to shield because they (or someone they live with) are critically vulnerable.
3. Disadvantaged children attending a hospital.
4. All other disadvantaged children who do not currently have access to their own personal device. Please remember a phone is NOT a suitable device for online learning.

An example of disadvantaged children are;

- Children in receipt of free school meals
- Families recently finding a change in their home situation where one or both parents are in receipt of certain benefits
- Families whose current financial situation would place a family in debt, if they need to purchase additional devices at this time.

Whilst we work to ensure every available device is made available, we also need to ensure we have sufficient devices in school for identified key workers and vulnerable students to use. At this time we also ask any potential businesses with spare devices or devices awaiting to be repurposed to consider donating these devices to the school at this time.

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The IT team is also working within the DFE programme to ensure we are in receipt of devices repurposed for the school.

We will then start a filtering process of requests based on free school meals, previous pupil premium, examination year groups and families personal circumstances to ensure that we are able to distribute devices fairly.

For any technical remote assistance specific to the loan devices, please email ITSupport@gnsa.co.uk and a member within the team will respond to you accordingly.

Please be aware that all loan devices have monitoring applications installed for safeguarding purposes and that any misuse will result in the devices being blocked and must be returned to the Academy.

If any parent has any queries / concerns please do not hesitate in contacting Mr Ahmed (Head of Business and Operations) who will be more than happy to have any further discussions.

We thank all students and parents for their support during such unprecedented times and we plan, build and look forward to welcoming everyone back into school, safely after half term.

Thank you for supporting our teams to support your children to enable them to build a better tomorrow.

Yours faithfully



Aftab Ahmed
Head of Business and Operations