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Dear Device or Internet Sponsor,

We are writing to ask if you would be able in any way to provide any laptops, iPads or funding for our pupils.

We are trying to set up remote learning from home, for ALL pupils, as we go into another Covid-19 national lockdown and for our pupils to catch up from missing out on learning for half of their academic year 2019-20 and in readiness in case schools do have to close.

The government had allocated us 34 laptops but we have 170 pupils and they all need a laptop or iPad. So, we are trying to find the others elsewhere.

We are improving our school rapidly and aiming for a "Good" in our next Ofsted inspection. Our school demographics include: 60% free school meal pupils (70% in the summer term), 30% SEND and 20% English as an Additional Language (EAL).

Our pupils enter school well below in communication, language and literacy, the need to talk through and share their learning is vital. Our pupils deserve and need online technology to continue their studies at home. The pupils would benefit from having interaction and communication with school at home, be-able to translate work into different languages and practise their skills on APPs that we use.

Many parents/carers can't afford food and bills at the moment, let alone laptops, broadband and printers. Our parent's fed back on a questionnaire that they preferred paper home packs as many had no laptop or access to the internet. We are preparing packs at school and handing these out but our pupils need to learn and use IT skills, to be effective "Global Citizens", making their contribution to their lives and community.

Parents working from home need their laptop and so there is difficulty in sharing, especially with a family with more than one child.

When Ofsted arrive at our school, potentially this year, they will be holding us to account for Remote Learning, here is the best practise guidance: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/remote-education-good-practice/remote-education-good-practice>.

Our children are keen learners with positive attitudes and we are so proud of them for settling back into school, so well in the Autumn Term. Please find our "Recovery Curriculum" Intent on our school website <https://hesterswayprimaryschool.co.uk/> . We are focusing on the subjects most important for "catch up" and in being a "Global Citizen" – this all links back to lessons learnt in society, through the Covid-19 pandemic and much needed life skills.

Please, please, please help our wonderful children, there may be tax breaks for business who donate or give us this technology.

Any collaboration would receive social media acknowledgement and we would be happy to give any impact reports of how this has encouraged our pupils to Aspire, Believe, Care and ACHIEVE!

With the kindest regards,
Kirsti Ashman (Head Teacher)

