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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Laptop Library – Progress Learning Programme

It has been an unprecedented time for everyone, but especially challenging for students as they have had to adapt to different styles of learning. As face-to-face learning has fully resumed, now is the time to assess how the pandemic has impacted on the progress of our students' learning, so to support this, we have taken the opportunity to utilise the government's device scheme which many students have already benefited from throughout the pandemic. Additionally, during the more recent Lockdown, we supported over 100 students in remote learning through the opportunity of using one of these devices.

So, what now...

We are pleased to be able to support your child's learning further by providing Grace Academy Solihull students with the option of borrowing a device for a fixed period. Using these borrowed devices, your child will be able to complete recap learning remotely, explore further opportunities to support their progress, and enable some students to even accelerate progress in their learning, which may have been disrupted due to the pandemic.

What next...?

If you would like to take the opportunity to borrow a device, we ask that you please complete the online form which can be found on the [Alternative Learning section](#) of the school website. Alternatively, you can email your interest to laptoplibrary@graceacademy.org.uk or speak to your child's AHOY.

The length of each device loan will be **3 weeks** and then the equipment **must be returned** so we can complete necessary updates and checks. There will be a **£10 deposit for each loan** which can be made via ParentMail, and these deposits will be fully refunded once the device is returned with the case and charger, and it is confirmed that everything is in full working order. Device availability will be based on a combination of eligible need, year group and then on a first come – first served basis; there will be a waiting list for when we reach the maximum number of loans. Should you be eligible for an extended loan period, we will provide an alternative device for an additional 3 week loan.

As the laptops are the property of Grace Academy Solihull, all students and parents/carers should note that it is an expectation that students will utilise these devices in a sensible and appropriate manner. More information detailing the "do's and don'ts" around this will be provided during the online form completion process, which will also include a section for a signature confirming that students understand these terms.

If you have any questions regarding our laptop library scheme, please contact **Marcus Davies-Friend (Alternative Learning Lead)** and I hope we can continue to support the progress of your child as we return to a more normal school year.

Yours sincerely

Mr Darren Gelder
Principal - For and on behalf of Tove Learning Trust