**DFE Digital Programme: update for CSC June 2020**

A total of 3745 laptops have been requested from the DfE for Lancashire's digitally disadvantaged young people. This was the maximum number that the DFE had decided could be allocated to Lancashire.

For most children of statutory school age and on a school roll in Lancashire we have been able to request delivery direct to the school for children nominated by their Social Worker and/or their school. Many of these have already been delivered to schools and we anticipate the vast majority will have been delivered by the 24th June.

Some devices for school age children have not been able to be delivered direct to school as not all Lancashire schools were listed on the DFE ordering site.

Devices for these children, for post year 11 young people and for CLA placed outside of the county, have been delivered to the LA for distribution. These are currently at Marsh Lane store in Preston.

Lap tops for disadvantaged Year 10 pupils (without a SW) have nearly all been delivered direct to schools. A small number have been delivered to Marsh Lane and these will be collected by schools.

Social Workers and Care Leaver workers have been contacted to ask if they can help distribute these devices for their children and young people when these have not been able to be delivered via a school.

* + Social Workers (SW) and Personal Advisers (PA's) for those young people not in a school setting in Lancashire have been invited to collected devices from Monday 22 to Friday 26 June from the store on Marsh Lane, Preston via Eventbrite system for booking a collection date and time slot. This was required to limit the number of staff collecting devices at the same time due to social distancing regulations.
	+ 105 SW / PAs have already booked a collection slot
	+ 24 still need to book a slot from as soon as possible as we need all devices t0 be collected this week.

All parents and carers are being sent a letter to explain that they have been allocated a device though the DFE scheme, which device and information on if they will need to collect from school or if it will be delivered to their home by LCC staff.

The letter also contains information on the security system and software already inputted on lap tops and links to e-safety sites and free educational on line resources.

* 250 letters for social care identified devices were sent out to young people on Friday 12 June advising on where and when to collect their device from school setting
* Further letters are being sent out on Monday 22 June for those social care identified young people were collection / delivery details have been confirmed
* Remaining letters for those social care identified young people to be sent on Monday 29 June once delivery / collection arrangements have been confirmed
* Schools have received details/names of social care & year 10 pupils for whom a device has been ordered.

The devices for children with a SW belong to the LA. The LA hope to be able to gift the devices to CSC children but we have to confirm this is possible within the DFE guidance. So initially the devices are on loan to the children.

Devices for Year 10 disadvantaged children belong to their school and the school can choose the gift them to the child.

NB. It was not possible for us to order ipads from the DFE but for children nominated by school or SW under this DFE scheme, with complex learning needs who the school identify as requiring an ipad to access learning, we will aim to 'swap' the lap top for an ipad whenever we can. Schools need to contact the Virtual School direct.

**For enquiries relating to your orders/collection please contact**

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