School Improvement Service

Daily Covid briefing
Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Colleagues

Thank you for your feedback this far as we try to put all relevant updates and reminders into one briefing paper to support your day-to-day leadership through this lockdown.

Digital Devices
- These are made available directly to schools through the DfE. All secondary schools should have been invited to order through the 'Get help with technology' service. The DfE will **invite primary schools to order by 15 January at the latest**, starting with the most disadvantaged areas in England. The DfE will contact each school as soon as they can order. More information is available here https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/devices/how-to-order.
- If any school is having difficulties with this then they should contact COVID.TECHNOLOGY@education.gov.uk
- A small number of devices were provided through NYCC for eligible vulnerable and disadvantaged students in 2020. **If these devices need to be allocated to different students due to a change in circumstances then please contact richard.benstead@northyorks.gov.uk.**

Internet Access
- More information on how to support students to access the internet and remote education is here https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/internet-access.
- There is a new scheme that temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks. More information is here https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data

We also know that Xbox and PlayStations can be used to access so are sharing this information in case children have those at home, but not a laptop. Support is also available for internet access through https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/internet-access

Digital devices

Please look out for an electronic device survey that will be sent out to you all from Tuesday. Please can we ask that this short electronic survey is completed by Thursday 14 January.

Update on minimum hours for remote learning

The remote education (which can be a balance of online and offline activity) provided should be equivalent in length to the core teaching pupils would receive in school and will include both recorded **or** live direct teaching time, and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently. The amount of remote education provided should be, as a minimum:
-Key Stage 1: 3 hours a day on average across the cohort, with less for younger children
-Key Stage 2: 4 hours a day
-Key Stages 3 and 4: 5 hours a day

Update on Critical Workers information

There has been an update in the critical worker Critical Workers Update-8th Jan
Updated 'Critical workers' section to clarify that parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home, if they can.

Useful resources

EEF Covid Support Resources

Support on delivering online remote education safely is available from:

• Safe remote learning, published by SWGfL
• Online Safeguarding published by LGfL
• Safeguarding & remote education during coronavirus

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