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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Netbook Scheme**

With the increasing demand for students to use ICT and produce work on computers, the government introduced the 'Computers for Pupils' project. As part of this, schools were allocated computers that parents could obtain by paying a donation. Some schools received large allocations and were able to offer computers for entire year groups. Unfortunately we only received a very small amount of these devices and have decided the fairest way to allocate them would be via a letter of application.

The device is the HP Mini note (mini laptop). It might be small in size but its big on usability, durability, and attractiveness. Packed with an impressive combination of features, the mini note offers you a full-function PC with the utmost mobility. Plus, it's simple, refined design and all-aluminium case make it sleek and sturdy yet super lightweight. Weighing in at just 1.27 kg, with a large 8.9-inch WXGA display, the HP Mini-Note PC features a durable design with a robust suite of wireless, multimedia and security capabilities to allow users to stay productive. RRP for the device is £350.

Due to the small number that we have (60) and to enable us to support the families that require financial support with IT; we are offering the HP Mini note to own for only £150. We are expecting a high demand for these few devices and therefore are kindly requesting that parents write a letter of application explaining why they need financial support and how the use of the Mini note will help their child's studies. Letters should be handed into school reception addressed to **Laptop Support Program, C/O Mr Locke-Wheaton.**

The deadline for handing in letters is **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December.** After which evaluations will occur and successful students will be notified by Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. These students will then need to bring in a cheque (made payable to Birmingham eLearning Foundation) for a one off donated amount of £150. The device will be issued instantly on receipt of payment.

Yours sincerely

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