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Corbets Tey School Newsletter

Free Laptop & Web Access - Home Access PC/Internet Grant



The government's made a grant of up to £528 available for low income families with children living in England; it's targeted at those without access to the internet. Depending on your need you can get up to £528 to spend on a computer (laptop, desktop, netbook and one year's web access). Yet you cannot go anywhere, it's only retailers that operate the scheme, though these include mainstream providers such as Comet, Phones4u and Misco.

You need children in years 3 to 9. This will normally mean ages 7 to 14. It's for families with lower incomes. There are a number of tests for this, generally speaking if your child qualifies for free school meals or you receive income support, income-based JSA, child tax credit plus an income lower than £16,040, it's worth checking out. While the scheme is targeted at those who either don't have a computer or don't have web access, there are only limited checks done on that, though it is important people don't abuse the system.

The scheme is due to run for the next 18 months but there is a maximum of 270,000 grants available, one per household. There are currently no plans to extend it across the rest of the UK.

To apply call 0333 200 1004 or www.Home Access.org.uk

The 48 Hour Rule!

We would like to stress the importance of parents keeping their child at home for a full 48 hours after any sickness or diarrhoea. This is to ensure the wellbeing of all of the children and staff at the school. Thank you for your support in this.



A Polite Request From The School Office

Please could any non-urgent phone contact be directed through the class diary system wherever possible. The office phone system can then be kept free for more urgent messages and requests that cannot wait until the next day. This will help to kept the lines free for urgent calls and will ensure that everyone who needs to can quickly and efficiently make contact with the person they need.



Kids In Need

Kids in Need Charity are an Essex based charity that grants 'wishes' for children aged 3 to 19 who are terminally/seriously ill or who suffer from physical or learning disabilities. You will not have to disclose your income and the grants are not means tested. Wishes can be experiences, meetings with celebrities, mini-breaks and holidays, toys and learning aids, sensory equipment, etc. They won't however consider applications for the purchase of computers.

Please contact Gloria Poole, Wish co-ordinator on 01277 225110 Or 07786 082176 or kids_in_need@hotmail.co.uk.

Dates For Your Diaries

Mon 15th Feb to Fri 19th Feb—Half Term Week

Tues 23rd Feb to Mon 1st Mar - Multi-Cultural Week

Monday 1st March - Round Robin Day