**Bradford Council**

**Education Settings DFE Laptop Scheme**

This document aims to answer some frequently asked questions about providing Laptops to children who have social workers in school settings across the Bradford District. It is based on the updated DfE Guidance for schools, colleges and local authorities of June 2020.

Bradford Council has compiled a list of common questions relating to the provision of Laptops as part of the DFE Scheme.

**1. How is the Laptop Scheme being managed in Bradford?**

Bradford Council will be rolling out the national DFE Laptop scheme across the City. The scheme will support children to access a digital device where they have a social worker. This will be done as a collaboration between Childrens Social Care, Education, IT Services and schools.

**2. Will we need to contact the Local Authority to tell them which children will need a device?**

No, the Local Authority has reviewed all children who have a social worker. We will be contacting schools to let them know what their allocation is for children in their school, as part of regular updates on the roll out of the scheme.

**3. How will these be delivered to school?**

Each school’s allocation will be delivered to the school with each child’s log on details. We will be asking schools to provide the laptops to the children alongside an appropriate acceptable use agreement.

**4. How can we contact you about this scheme where we may have technical questions?**

We have created a survey monkey questionnaire that we will be sending to schools to help us work with your relevant IT teams to get these devices to you. We will be sending this out to you on Thursday 11th June 2020.

**5. What if we use Bradford Schools IT or we don’t have an IT Administrator/IT Team?**

If we provide your schools IT services, we will liaise with the Head Teacher or relevant senior leader to support the delivery of the devices. If your school does not have their own IT administrator or team we will support schools to roll out the devices.

**6. What type of device will each child get?**

The DFE has allocated a mixture of chrome books and Microsoft tablets for use. We are proposing to provide a tablet for KS1 children and Chromebooks for KS2-KS4 children.

These will be delivered at differing times due to the delivery arrangements from the national supplier. We will provide a timeline for each school’s delivery once we take receipt of the devices in the next few weeks.

**7. What if our children need a 4g device?**

We have a limited number of 4g dongles that can be provided to families. These give 6 months’ access. If these are required, we will work with schools to prioritise these to families where they do not have internet access. Schools who can identify where this is the case are asked to complete this section of the survey to help with the planning of the roll out of 4g devices.

**8. What if there is an issue with our delivery?**

Contact Details will be provided as part of the roll out plan to all schools so that if there are any issues with the delivery of the devices these can be raised with the Council.

**9. Are these devices a gift to children?**

No, the DFE guidance states that these are to be loaned to pupils. The devices are to support children gain access to educational support and to support their wider education where they may not have access to a digital device.

**10. Will there be regular updates on the roll out of the scheme?**

Yes, updates will be coming out weekly from the daily Director’s email to update schools on the roll out across the city. We will also be contacting IT leads in schools to keep them notified on the progress of their orders.