

# Learning Mentor Newsletter

Home Access Scheme



**The Scheme is Now Up and Running and it is Time to Take the First Step if You Think You Qualify**

**Phone:  
0333 200  
1004**



**This is the only way you can start your application and it is a Helpline.** At the end of the call you will be fairly sure whether your application will be successful.

## **Who Qualifies?**

The scheme targets learners in **Years 3 to 9** inclusive. If you have a child, living with you, in one of these years at school, and if they qualify for **free school meals**, then you will qualify for a computer, technical support, safety features and have a year's free internet access. (If you haven't already been given a free computer under this scheme, for this child or one of your other children, or under the 'Computers for Pupils' scheme)

The helpline staff will guide you but ultimately there will be a choice of a Notebook, Laptop or Desktop PC as best for your family and of which method of internet access will be most suitable.

**My Child Currently Receives Free School Meals, Lives With Me and is in Years 3 - 9 at School**

Your application will be the most straightforward.

Phone **0333 200 1004**

**The helpline staff will tell you which documents you must supply as proof.**

**My Child Does Not Receive Free School Meals, But Lives With Me and is in Years 3 - 9 at School**

You may still qualify if you receive at least one of the following:

- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income Support
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and an income of less than £16,040\*\*\*
- Guaranteed Pension Credit (not Savings Credit)
- Income-based Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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## **After the Phonecall**

You will be sure of the outcome of your application. A paper application will be **sent to you** to be completed and returned. (They won't accept one obtained any other way.) We are told that the application form is easy to use.

## **After the Paper Application**

If you qualify, you will be provided with a one-off payment card and PIN number (*guard this as you would a credit card, and don't keep the PIN with it*) to use at an approved supplier, **WITHIN 3 MONTHS**. You can shop around from a range of suppliers including Comet and Phones4U to see who can provide longest warranties and the best overall package for you.

Many children at St James' qualify for free school meals, so this is a fantastic opportunity for many of our families. Please let me know (in confidence) if you make the phone call and if you receive a computer.

**St James' C of E Primary School**

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