



Highfields Academy

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Good morning everyone,

I hope that you've all had a good weekend and that you and your families are all keeping safe and well.

I had quite an emotional start to the day today. As I unlocked the gates on Whitehouse Lane I noticed several pictures and posters that have been tied to the school fence thanking us for the work that we are doing. It was a real 'lump in the throat' moment. I'm not sure who is responsible for these but a sincere thank you to those that are. All the staff at Highfields are proud to be able to play our part in supporting key workers throughout this horrible situation.

You may have seen on the news that the government are keen to support more pupils in accessing online learning by providing IT hardware. We have now been given clearer guidance from the DfE about who may be eligible for this:

Who is eligible?

Laptops and tablets are available for the most disadvantaged children who would otherwise not have access and are:

- Care leavers
- Children with a social worker (including pre-school children)
- Children in Year 10, ahead of GCSEs next year

If you think that you may be eligible and your child does not have internet access already please let us know as soon as possible so we can provide numbers to the Local Authority. Do this by emailing me at head@highfieldsnantwich.cheshire.sch.uk

A chance of a free haircut?

Last week one of our parents sent me an email about some fundraising that she is doing. I have copied and pasted the information here:

Hi there. My son attends Little crickets and has recently been accepted for a place in your school - when we can finally return! I just wanted to reach out as I'm currently running a fundraising raffle for the NHS and wondered if it's something you would be able to share with the parents somehow? I'm a local self-employed hairdresser, based



at Blonde Hair salon Shavington, and the raffle prize is to win a free hair cut and colour with myself. It's £5 a ticket and 100% of proceeds are going to our local NHS. I know it's not a lot but wanted to help how I can, the raffle is due to end on Thursday 30th April so please spread the word to raise as much as I can for them! All details can be found on my social media site @hairbyoliviaparry.

One of the good things that has come out of this situation is the increased feeling of community spirit, not just at Highfields but everywhere. If any other parents or children are doing anything special to raise money for good causes I would love to hear about them and I am happy to share in my daily letters.

Take care everyone,

Simon Dyson

