

DfE Laptop Allocation Scheme

The Viridis Federation have received an allocation of devices from the Department for Education (DfE) to be used to support disadvantaged children (those in receipt of the pupil premium grant) who are otherwise unable to access remote education.

The allocation of devices to the schools are:

Hoxton Garden School	Orchard School	Southwold School
57	98	53

In November 2020 Orchard, Southwold and Hoxton Garden School undertook a technology survey, the outcomes of which have been used to support the assessment of pupil need.

Hoxton Garden School	Orchard School	Southwold School
122 responses	239 responses	81 responses
93% have access to appropriate technology	92% have access to the appropriate technology	93% have access to the appropriate technology
90% have access to the internet	91% have access to the internet	91% have access to the internet
85% have an appropriate workspace at home	88% have an appropriate workspace at home	92% have an appropriate workspace at home

The allocation of the laptops given to the schools by the DfE have been assessed by local senior leaders and distributed based on the following criteria.

- disadvantaged children in Year 3 – 6 who have no digital devices in their household
- disadvantaged children in Year 3 – 6 whose only available device is a smartphone
- disadvantaged children in Year 3 – 6 with a single device in their household that's being shared with more than one other family member
- disadvantaged children in any year group who have been advised to shield because they (or someone they live with) are clinically extremely vulnerable

The full guidance can be read here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-laptops-and-tablets-for-children-who-cannot-attend-school-due-to-coronavirus-covid-19>

Where households have been identified that do not have internet access, the schools will follow the following guidance to enable support: <https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/internet-access>