

Please ask for: Debbie Greenard

Your ref:

Contact Number: 01502 582312
d.greenard@bbhs.suffolk.sch.uk

Our ref: DG/CLG

Date: 20 July 2010

PARENTS/CARERS



Dear Parent/Carer

HOME ACCESS PROJECT

We have received the following letter from Suffolk County Council regarding Home Access.

"I am writing to alert you that it is still possible for low income families to make an application for ICT equipment and internet access at home. At the moment, this process is still being managed by BECTA. Bulk packs of applications will not be sent to schools and families should apply directly to BECTA as per the information below. For families with a child or young person who has special educational needs and or disabilities, there is the possibility of an enhanced grant to provide assistive technology.

Currently there are still approximately 20,000 Home Access grants available under the main programme and the anticipated number of grants that will be made under the Assistive Technology Package 2 (AT2) is in the region of 12,000. **To obtain an AT2 application pack parents need to request one by ringing the Home Access helpline on the usual number of 0333 200 1004.** There is no intention to issue bulk supplies of packs to LAs or schools.

To date approximately 3,500 application forms have been sent to families of learners with severe disabilities or Special Educational Needs.

All applications for **Looked After Children** should have now been submitted. Any that have not already been submitted are unlikely to receive a grant. Please be aware however that there are over 349 applications on hold and awaiting further information, the detail of which has already been provided to the nominated authority contact. Until this information is provided, these applications cannot be processed and any assistance you can give to encourage the appropriate social worker/s to respond urgently to such requests would be appreciated.

The Looked After Children process will continue, but only for those applicants with Assistive Technology needs. If you have any questions around outstanding LAC applications please contact the LAC Team by email; lacteam@becta.org.uk".

Yours faithfully



Debbie Greenard
Business & Finance Manager