



A call to all Norfolk schools!

- Would you like to increase your IT budget!
- Would you like a laptop your children can use at home and school which is fully supported?

Following on from the success of the national Home Access scheme, which provided more than 4000 families in Norfolk with computer and internet access, we now want to extend the scheme more widely without limitations on eligibility in a sustainable way.

Norfolk County Council has now become affiliated with the E-Learning Foundation, a successful, established charity which specialises in providing one to one computers for pupils in a sustainable and affordable way to all students including those from low income families.

Research has shown that gaining access to a computer and internet is associated with a rise of 10 GCSE points. Schools already in this scheme have experienced a substantial jump in student engagement particularly amongst boys.

The scheme can be tailored to suit the requirements of each school and is open to all schools. Assistance, both financial and technical, also covers the infrastructure required in schools. All this can be available with minimal initial outlay from the school with grants also available from the E-Learning Foundation.

We offer a joined up package of advice and services including amongst others, funding, e-safety protocols and software, technical support, links with the E-Learning Service (for pupils) and Adult Education (for parents/carers).

The next round of grant allocation begins in April of next year but preparation is key so please do contact me for more information as soon as possible.

Further details can be found at www.norfolk.gov.uk/access2technology or by contacting Sharon Jay via phone on 01603 303366 or email sharon.jay@norfolk.gov.uk.

