

from: St Oswald's Church, Sowerby PCC, YO7 1JG
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Special Appeal in aid of the Pupils of Sowerby Primary Academy and Keeble Gateway Academy

Dear Fellow Sowerby Resident

You will know from the media that the Department for Education is committing itself to provide more individual IT equipment to schools in the wake of the Covid pandemic and the current lockdown. It is extremely unlikely that this is going to filter down beyond Secondary Schools to Primary level.

Many pupils are unable to access IT at home for a variety of reasons and, especially during lockdown, this is causing problems within families. Lack of connectivity and wifi capacity only adds to the problem.

IT skills will be an essential tool for all children in the future and not to have access to the relevant equipment, especially during lockdown, is holding them back.

These two schools have drawn up a list of their needs that will help safeguard children's learning - please see over for the letter from the Sowerby Primary Headteacher:

TARGET £10,000

WILL YOU HELP OUR COMMUNITY'S CHILDREN GROW?

As a church, St Oswald's is acting as a facilitator. We have a proven record for raising and distributing funds. We are collecting donations, adding the Gift Aid to them wherever possible and handing the money over to the school. We are asking for your support - not for us but for our Community.

All donations will be most gratefully received and can be made:

- online to our bank account - Sowerby PCC, HSBC, S/C 40-33-01 A/C 23969894
- through our website stoswaldsowerby.org.uk and follow the Give A Little instructions
- by cheque payable to Sowerby PCC - % David Tucker, 162 Front St, Sowerby, YO7 1JN or Pauline Alderson, 20 South Terrace, Sowerby, YO7 1RH

Please ensure that you put your name, postcode and the letters SPA as a reference.

THIS APPEAL IS URGENT - WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SPEEDY RESPONSE

With many thanks in anticipation

Pauline Alderson
Children and Young People's Development Worker

If you are a taxpayer, we can collect £25 Gift Aid from HMRC for every £100 that you donate to us. This can make a great difference to the eventual total that we raise.

Please complete this declaration if you wish to Gift Aid your donation and return it to either David Tucker or Pauline Alderson. Gifts given through the Give a Little campaign will handle Gift Aid for us. If you are already part of a St Oswald's giving scheme we already have your details.

I am donating £ to The Sowerby Primary Campaign run by Sowerby PCC.
I confirm that I will pay tax during the course of this year to more than cover 25% of this donation.

Name

Address

Dear Pauline.

Thank you so much for your help and coordination of this exciting project. PLEASE send our kindest regards to your committee and our gratitude.

I have spoken to the head of Keeble Academy and we have come up with some great ideas.

Short term goals

- Devices - so that our children can learn IT skills and get access to remote learning and resources
- Routers/dongles - for those families that cannot access internet
- Reading Books - more decodable early reading books. The situation for reading books is that no school has enough books for every child to have a few books at home to read (at their ability level) When they return these to school we need to quarantine these for several days so do not have enough books to send home a new selection straight away.
- E books - E books from very reputable publishers eg. Collins for those with internet to access to have books to learn to read

Long term Goals

Laptop devices and charging trolleys to move around classes so all classes could get access to IT for developing skills for future life chances.

I hope that this is helpful. Thank you again.

Kind Regards.

Keeley Ungerechts
HEADTEACHER

'Sowing seeds of success: growing courageous learners'