Ref. No. : LT_ST 20-21/006

Date: 11ᵗʰ October, 2021

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

Implementation of Blended Mode of Learning and "Quality Education Fund e-Learning Funding Programme—Provision of Portable Computer Devices and Internet Services Support" (2021/22 School Year)

Our school has been implementing the "Bring Your Own Device" policy since the 2020/2021 school year for e-Learning. To alleviate the financial burden of students from underprivileged families, we have participated in the Community Care Fund Assistance Programme to subsidise our needy students to purchase suitable portable computer devices. Blended mode of learning, i.e. face-to-face classes, e-learning at home or other modes of learning, will probably become the "new normal" in teaching and learning in future.

To further support schools in implementing the blended mode of teaching and learning under the "new normal", the Education Bureau (EDB) will launch the **"Quality Education Fund e-Learning Funding Programme—Provision of Portable Computer Devices and Internet Services Support"** for three years starting from the 2021/22 school year. It includes providing funding to schools to purchase portable computer devices for loan to needy students and to provide portable Wi-Fi routers and mobile data cards for students who are unable to acquire appropriate Internet services due to their constraints of the living environment.

Eligible Beneficiaries:
Students are eligible if they fulfill the following requirements,
1. receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (**CSSA**) from the Social Welfare Department; **or**
2. receiving **full grant** of School Textbook Assistance Scheme (STAS) in the 2021/22 school year; **or**
3. receiving **half grant** of School Textbook Assistance Scheme (STAS) in the 2021/22 school year

Details of subsidy on buying portable computer devices:
1. Students receiving the **CSSA** or **full grant** of the School Textbook Assistance Scheme are entitled to have a **full subsidy** to purchase a portable computer device. The maximum subsidy for each student is $4,700. In other words, the subsidy provided is the actual cost of the device or $4,700, whichever is lower.
2. Students receiving a **half grant** of the School Textbook Assistance Scheme are entitled to have a **half subsidy**. The subsidy provided is half of the actual cost of the device for up to HK$2,350.
3. The purchased portable computer device and products Specification:
   ✓ Apple iPad 9ᵗʰ generation 10.2-Inch 256GB Wi-Fi version
   ✓ Apple pencil (1st generation)
   ✓ Apple Care Apple Care 3 years' warranty
   ✓ Protective Case and Screen Protector

Remarks:
1. Each beneficiary student can receive funding **once** only and purchase one mobile computer device.
2. The Education Bureau will issue **subsidies to schools for purchasing devices on behalf of students.**

Please complete **the reply slip together with the eligibility proof and return it to the class teacher no later than 2nd December 2021**.

Yours faithfully,

CHENG Che-yin
Principal

【**Please return the slip to the class teacher on or before 2ⁿᵈ December 2021**】

**Quality Education Fund e-Learning Funding Programme – Provision of Portable
Computer Devices and Internet Services Support (2021/22 School Year)
Parent/Guardian Reply Slip**

In response to the letter on the captioned Funding Programme about the arrangement of purchasing portable computer devices for loan and providing additional support for Internet service to needy students, my reply is as follows: *(Please put a "✓" in the appropriate box; and *delete as appropriate)*

Subsidy for Purchasing Mobile Computer Devices

I declare here, my child

☐ is participating in the e-Learning funding program and it is my **FIRST** time application.

My child/ child under my custody is eligible to benefit from the Funding Programme. **A copy of the documentary proof of eligibility** (e.g. Notification Letter) is attached to prove the following eligibility of my child/ child under my custody:

☐ receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (**CSSA**) in the **2021/22** school year

☐ receiving **full grant** of School Textbook Assistance Scheme (STAS) in the **2021/22** school year

☐ receiving **half grant** of School Textbook Assistance Scheme (STAS) in the **2021/22** school year

☐ My child/ child under my custody is not receiving the above CSSA/ STAS, but the family has limited economic means at present (Please specify or attach supplementary information)

☐ is **NOT** participating in the e-Learning funding program.

Borrow Portable Wi-Fi Routers and Mobile Data Cards

I declare here, my child

☐ is applying to borrow a portable wireless network router and data card. My child/ child under my custody is living in a/an * **subdivided unit / old building / remote area** and cannot acquire appropriate Internet services. I have enquired the following Internet services providers and confirmed that my residence cannot be connected to appropriate fixed broadband services, so additional support from the school is thus needed. The names of Internet services providers enquired

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My child/ child under my custody is eligible to benefit from the Funding Programme.
A copy of the documentary proof of eligibility (e.g. Notification Letter) is attached to prove the following eligibility of my child/ child under my custody:

☐ receiving Comprehensive Social Security Assistance (**CSSA**) in the **2021/22** school year

☐ receiving **full grant** of School Textbook Assistance Scheme (STAS) in the **2021/22** school year

☐ receiving **half grant** of School Textbook Assistance Scheme (STAS) in the **2021/22** school year

☐ My child/ child under my custody is not receiving the above CSSA/ STAS, but the family has limited economic means at present (Please specify or attach supplementary information)

☐ is **NOT** applying to borrow a portable wireless network router and data card. The residence of my child/ child under my custody is connected to broadband Internet services and additional support from the school is not required.

I hereby **declare** that the information and documents provided are accurate, and commit that:

(I)   If the school is unable to apply for the subsidy from the Education Bureau due to inaccurate or incomplete information provided by me, I will pay the cost incurred, including the concerned cost of the device for supporting e-learning of my child/ child under my custody; and

(II)   If my child/ child under my custody is not eligible to benefit from the Funding Programme due to the improvement of my family's financial position, or he/ she leaves the school for various reasons (including graduation, further studies or transfer to other schools), I will **return** all borrowed equipment.

Name of Parent/Guardian ： _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian ： _____

Name of Student ： _____(___)

Student Reference Number (STRN): ： _____

Class ： _____

Date ： _____

Personal Information Collection Statement

1. The personal data provided will be used by the School for the following purposes:
   (i) processing applications relating to the programme;
   (ii) verifying information with the departments/bureaux of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region which are relevant to (i), if necessary
2. Any information, including personal data, submitted may be disclosed to the EDB and relevant government departments/bureaux for the purposes mentioned above.
3. The provision of personal data is obligatory. Without the data provided, the School is not able to process the application and proceed with the relevant arrangements.
4. According to Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (PDPO), all persons have the right to request access to and correction of their personal data. Request for access to or correction of personal data should be made in the Data Access Request Form (No.OPS003 issued by the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data) and sent to Wai Kiu College, 17 Wai Chi Street, Shek Kip Mei, Kowloon. For more information about the privacy policy, please visit the website of the Privacy Commissioner for Personal Data.