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The government's Home Access scheme will give you the opportunity to apply for a free computer, free internet access, free support and service, and software including assistive technologies.



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If you think you are eligible, please phone the grant administration service to order an application form:

0333 200 1004

(minicom: 0121 748 1471)

or visit www.homeaccess.org.uk for more information.



What are the benefits?

- With the internet at home, children can learn in a way that suits them. You'll also find it easier and more fun to do things with them. Children who use the internet at home for learning get on better. Studies show they do better in maths and reading tests, are more interested in their studies, and have more fun learning.
- Save money - the average family can save over £10 a week from shopping online.
- Friends and family - you can find long lost friends, you can send messages, you can even phone Australia for free.
- Education - all the knowledge in the world is online, so you can help your children with their learning, and learn along with them.
- For convenience - avoid airport queues by checking in online, find out just when the next bus or train is due, or make doctor's appointments that suit you.

"The **Home Access** scheme has made a big difference to us because it means we have got access to the internet when we need it, not just when we can get it at the library. I used to be worried about Evan getting left behind. It's been a big change because I can just look up jobs or apply to different courses and just do lots of things that I wouldn't have been able to do"

Rebecca, Parent, Oldham



"**Home Access** aims to provide practical and financial support to low income families who may not be able to afford a computer or the internet. We will support these families to ensure that the educational and social benefits of 21st century technology are available to them"

Diana Johnson,
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Schools

Are you eligible?

Are you a parent or guardian responsible for and living with a child...

- who is in school years 3 to 9?
- who attends a state-maintained school in England full time?
- who has not already had a computer from a Home Access Grant or similar programme, such as Computers for Pupils?

Do you receive at least one of the following?

- Eligibility for free school meals for your child
 - Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income support
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and an income of less than £16,040
 - Guaranteed Pension Credit (not Savings Credit)
 - Income-based Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Local Support Available

If you are eligible and you require assistance in completing the application form, please drop in to a **Barnsley Connects Centre** (01226 775656), or **Neighbourhood Learning Net** (01226 281961), or any **Barnsley Library** where the staff will be more than happy to help.

Once you have received your computer, there is a range of **free local** support available to help you learn how to use computers and the internet including:

UK Online Centres

Learning Resource Centres, Libraries and Colleges - See www.ukonlinecentres.com for details

Adult and Family Learning Service

Tutor-led ICT courses - Further details: Eldon Centre 01226 775270 / 1

Online Basics

Basic IT training, supported by UK Online Centres and Voluntary Action Barnsley
See www.onlinebasics.co.uk for details