

Citizenship -- Letter to parliament

To  
Will Quince

25th June 2020

*Subject -- Laptop provisions for children with low income families.*

*I am writing to you to address a certain concern I have which I would like to discuss with you.*

*My concerns are that children that fall into the low income family bracket do not have the adequate learning facilities in place. This is for the students to be able to complete the correct amount of their curriculum, on the same level as other students who are on the high income family bracket and have laptops and computers at home.*

*I feel that as a student who is fortunate enough to have these provisions in place, there are other students who are struggling with the paper workload and this is impacting further on their well-being during this current pandemic, resulting in difficult times for everyone.*

*There needs to be equality for all students and by having access to home based learning with the use of a laptop, will enable interaction with teachers and other students, to reflect more of a classroom based lesson/learning which most students need to be able to understand the topics which are covered.*

*I am aware that there are around 10% of students which fall within this category. Without these provisions in place, the students will start to fall behind within their learning which will result in the possibility of adding a further year of learning onto their school years. This could then result in a dramatic impact on them as they grow into their adult years as their counterparts have all progressed as they normally would as they have not had any delays in their academic learning.*

*I would suggest that we urgently address this issue to prevent future mental health and wellbeing situations with the students who have been struggling with the academic practices throughout the current pandemic.*

*There are plenty of laptops and computers available which can be used from the schools provisions, however, as an MP you can address this issue*

*at parliament to enable further laptops and computers to be purchased and allocated to all of those students who fall within the low income family bracket and are struggling currently. This can then be followed up regularly by the teachers with the Microsoft Teams and Zoom options which are available to them. Following on from this, however, you could also look into an option with the broadband providers for free wifi provisions during this current time for all involved under this proposed scheme.*

*Thank you for your time reading my proposals. I look forward to hearing from you in due course.*

*Kind Regards,*

*Amy Skeggs*