

Rebecca and Evan are adding up the benefits of Home Access



“I used to be worried about Evan getting left behind. Not so much now, but I was aware that it would become an issue.”

Rebecca

Rebecca is a single mum who lives in Failsworth, Oldham with her 10 year old son Evan. Evan is a bright, quiet boy who is doing well at school.

Rebecca wasn't able to afford a computer and internet access and used to have to go to the library if they needed to go online.

A friend told Rebecca and Evan about the Home Access programme and Rebecca completed an application. Both her and Evan were delighted when they heard they'd been successful.

Mother and son develop their maths skills together

Both Rebecca and Evan have benefited from home access.

Evan uses the computer to complete his

homework and particularly enjoys playing maths games on the internet. Rebecca has even enrolled on an online maths course so that she will be able to help him with his homework when he goes to secondary school.

Rebecca uses Home Access to job hunt

Rebecca has noticed a big change to her life. She is able to use the computer to search for jobs, which means that she doesn't have to take Evan with her to the Job Centre or arrange childcare.

Rebecca has found a job since getting home access and is now working at a local nursery. Although this is a short-term position, she is already using their home access to look for new work.

“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

Rebecca also uses the internet to pay her bills.

As a single mother, Rebecca previously felt quite isolated in the evenings once Evan had gone to bed. For her the ability to keep in touch with friends and family has been one of the biggest benefits of the Home Access package.

