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Information regarding mobile data for parents of Year 3 – 6 children.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are keeping safe and well during this difficult time. I would like to take this opportunity to make you aware of some free support available to ensure that pupils can access home learning. The Department for Education (DfE) have currently limited this scheme to those pupils in Years 3-11

Additional free mobile data

The Department for Education (DfE) are supporting schools to provide temporary increases to mobile data allowances at no increased cost to the bill payer/ account holder.

Please note the quantity of allowance increase is currently limited and the DfE are treating this on a first come, first served basis. Pupils who fit the below criteria may qualify for the free increase in mobile phone data.

- Their mobile phone provider is one of: Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile or Sky Mobile
- They do not have access to fixed broadband at home
- They cannot afford additional data for their devices
- They are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education- due to the national lockdown this criteria is automatically met

If you are interested and meet the above criteria you will need to have the below information to hand:

- Account holders name
- Mobile number of the device
- Mobile network
- Whether the mobile is “pay monthly” or “pay as you go”

You will then need to [register your interests](#) (where you have multiple children at the school you will need to submit one form for each child/ pupil.) Once, this is submitted the Trust will then share the information with the DfE.

If the DfE and the mobile provider are able to offer you the additional data, the Trust or the school will contact you in due course. Additionally, if new mobile providers join the scheme the school will make further correspondence.

Additional free 4G router

This is only available if you cannot receive the free mobile data increase e.g. if your provider is not on the list of partners or if the supplier confirms they cannot offer you additional data once the information is submitted.

The 4G router will provide up to 20GB of data per month (on average enough to provide approximately 5 hours of remote education activities per day)

To qualify for this the pupil must meet the below criteria:

- Receive free school meals or pupil premium
- Have no or poor internet connectivity at home which is preventing the pupil from accessing home learning

If the pupil does not qualify for the mobile data and would like to request a free 4G router, please [register your interest](#) here. Personal data submitted to request a free 4G router will not be passed on to the DfE.

You must register your interest **before 4pm on Wednesday 13th January**. Any requests after this date will need to be made to the school office.

Best wishes

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Head of School