



HEAD OF SCHOOL
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7th January 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

You may be aware of the announcement made by the Department for Education that it is increasing its digital support to schools and parents. As part of this initiative, they are working with schools and mobile network providers with the aim of providing additional data allowances to pupils that meet certain criteria.

School are able to apply on behalf of pupils who:

- don't have access to a [fixed broadband connection](#)
- cannot afford the additional data needed to access educational resources or social care services
- have access to a mobile device that uses a participating network
- are facing disruption to their face-to-face education, or have been advised not to attend school

The networks currently signed up to the scheme are: EE, Sky Mobile, Smarty, Tesco Mobile, Three and Virgin Mobile. The majority of these networks are offering additional data up to the end of July 2021. To find out further information, including available data allowances, please follow this link: [Network Offers \(gov.uk\)](#)

If you believe that you may qualify to apply for this scheme, please read the privacy statement information below and complete the Google form link at the bottom of this letter as soon as possible. School will use the information you provide to apply for additional data on your behalf. We are aware that there is a cap on the number of pupils this will apply to at the moment, so the sooner we're able to apply on your behalf the better chance we have of being successful.

Privacy statement

1. For the purposes of data protection, I need to let you know that the Department for Education (DfE) is running the Mobile Network Offer through schools and their trusts or local authorities.
2. If the offer is taken up by an adult account holder, the school or social care team will share the account holder's name and mobile phone details with the DfE, who will share these with the relevant mobile network operator.
3. The mobile network operator will use that information to increase the data available for the account holder's mobile device, as long as they qualify for the offer.
4. The adult account holder's personal data is only shared with their mobile network operator for the purposes of the offer. No names of children or other adults, other than adult account holder, are shared with the DfE or the mobile network operator.
5. No personal information will be shared with the DfE if you do not want to take up the offer.
6. If you want to know more about how your personal information will be used before you take up the offer, we can send that to you first.
7. If you decide to take up the offer, you'll get a text message from the Department for Education with more information about your data protection rights.

Further privacy information from the DfE can be found via this link: [How we look after personal information for the Increasing Children's Mobile Data Scheme](#)

Please complete this application form if you believe that you may be eligible: [Apply for Additional Data Allowances](#). If you have any questions, please contact school and we will do our best to help.

Yours sincerely

Nicola Hair

Mrs Hair
Head

