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Dear Parents and Carers,

Covid-19: Data Allowances for Children and Young People

Who can get help?

This scheme is open to children and young people who:

- don't have access to a [fixed broadband connection](#). (Click link)
- 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

What information the school needs to collect?

To request extra mobile data, the school needs to collect the following information:

- the account holder's name
- their mobile number (a number beginning with '07')
- their mobile network
- whether you pay monthly or pay as they go

Please read: [explain our privacy policy](#). (Click link)

Submitting the Information School Collects

The school will submit the information to the DfE on your behalf by using:

- the 'New request' form on the service, making requests one at a time
- an [Excel Spreadsheet](#), (Click link) which allows the school to make multiple requests once we upload to the service

The Offers

What data you will get depends on your mobile network. Some networks can't offer data to Pay-as-you-go (PAYG) customers.

EE

Be aware that until the end of January, it may take EE some time to process requests.

- The recipient will get 20GB of additional data per month until 31 July 2021.
- The offer is available to both Pay Monthly and Pay-as-you-go customers.
- A text message will be sent to the nominated device once the additional data has been added to the account.
- EE will process no more than 60,000 requests across all schools. If they reach this limit, they will not accept further requests.

Sky Mobile

- The recipient will get 100GB of additional data.
- The offer is only available to Pay Monthly customers identified as needing this support. It's not available to Pay-as-you-go customers.
- Sky Mobile customers will be able to see the data uplift in their piggybank.
- Sky Mobile will aim to process the request within 14 days.
- Sky Mobile will process no more than 1800 requests across all schools. If they reach this limit, they will not accept further requests

Smarty

- The recipient will get unlimited data until 31 July 2021.
- The offer is available to both Pay Monthly and Pay-as-you-go customers.
- A text message will be sent to the nominated device once the additional data has been added to the account.
- Smarty will aim to process the request within 14 days.

Tesco Mobile

- The recipient will get 20GB of additional data per month until 31 July 2021.
- The offer is only available to Pay Monthly customers identified as needing this support. It's not available to Pay-as-you-go customers.
- A text message will be sent to the nominated device once the additional data has been added to the account.
- Tesco Mobile will aim to process the request within 14 days.
- Tesco Mobile will process no more than 1,000 requests across all schools. If they reach this limit, they will not accept further requests.

Three

- The recipient will get unlimited data until 31 July 2021.
- The offer is available to both Pay Monthly and Pay-as-you-go customers.
- A text message will be sent to the nominated device once the additional data has been added to the account.
- Three will aim to process the request within 14 days.

Virgin Mobile

- The recipient will get 20GB of additional data per month until 31 July 2021.
- The offer is only available to Pay Monthly customers identified as needing this support. It's not available to Pay-as-you-go customers.
- A text message will be sent to the nominated device once the additional data has been added to the account.
- Virgin Mobile will aim to process the request within 14 days.
- Virgin Mobile will process no more than 1750 requests across all schools. If they reach this limit, they will not accept further requests.

- Wi-Fi hotspots are open to all existing customers, including those on Pay-as-you-go. Customers on Pay-as-you-go will need to have a minimum of £5 credit. Instructions to download the app and find their nearest hotspot can be found by going to www.virginmedia.com/wifiapp. (Click link)

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.

5. Account Holder Name and Mobile Number

Account holders with monthly contracts need to be over the age of 18. The school will need:

Account Holder's Name	
Mobile phone number (this should always start with '07')	
Mobile network, and whether you're on a contract or a Pay-as-you-go deal.	

Please follow the link to the Microsoft Forms below to input your information and **ensure that you have read the privacy policy/statement from the government above before inputting.**

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aRA2L+azYEOSqJYZODbRt+vpdMjRfXg_ZFmQmzRZ2yqCEUQlpESIVOSTRMWUpFSVJQTVNHSTARjAXMSL+u

As we cannot guarantee a timescale or immediate response to your request, we advise you to await text message confirmation from your network provider to confirm that the increase to your data allocation have been approved.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Darren Jones

