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Dear Parent/Carer

Due to the current situation, the Government has introduced a new scheme which will allow students to increase data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children.

We want to get this letter out to you as soon as possible so that we can obtain all the information that we need to ensure that your child has the opportunity to access this resource as quickly as possible.

This scheme temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks. This is so that children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted.

As a trust we can request mobile data increases for children, when schools report a closure or have pupils self-isolating for students who:

- do not have fixed broadband at home
- cannot afford additional data for their devices
- are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

In order to process each request, we need to know:

- the name of the account holder
- the number of the mobile device
- the mobile network of that device (for example Three)
- whether you pay monthly or pay as you go

To gather this information, we have created an online form for you to use which can be found here: http://bit.ly/38mwkYr

To apply for the allowance, you will need to accept the DfE Privacy Notice which outlines how they will handle your data. This is visible on the first page of the form.

You will not receive any further communication from us in relation to your request. If you are successful, the device with the mobile number will receive a text message informing that the application has been successful. Please note that different providers respond at different rates and also that there are limited numbers of allocation available.

Yours faithfully

Becky Ford Headteacher

