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Dear Parent/Carer

Mobile phone providers have launched a number of initiatives over the last few months to help digital support for vulnerable customers and more. Now, the UK government, the Department of Education and UK networks like O2, Three, EE and Vodafone are seeking to make sure that students who may not have full access to the internet and online resources are given everything they need so they can continue their education at home.

This new scheme offers disadvantaged children temporary increases on their mobile phone data allowances on some networks up to 31st July 2021. The scheme has been set up to help with remote education since schools are currently closed, meaning face-to-face lessons are not allowed under lockdown laws.

Schools can request mobile data increase for students who meet *all 3 of these criteria*:

- Do not have fixed broadband at home
- Cannot afford additional data for their devices
- Are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education.

Students with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit: EE; O2; Sky Mobile; SMARTY; Tesco Mobile; Three; Virgin Mobile; Vodafone. Please see the attached table for more information.

If you would like the school to apply for this offer for your son, please complete this form as we need you to confirm details of the mobile device you are applying for.

[Apply for free mobile data allowance](#)

If your son does not have a mobile phone there may be an option to request a 4G wireless router, please indicate this on the form if required.

Please complete this by Wednesday 20th January.

If the request for an increase in mobile data is accepted, you will receive a text message on the mobile device you have requested it for.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Slabber
Assistant Headteacher



Privacy statement – Department for Education

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.

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. No personal information will be shared with the DfE if you do not want to take up the offer.
5. 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.
6. 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.

If the account holder wants to receive some written information first, you can send them a link to our [privacy information](#).

