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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Increasing Children's Mobile Data – Government scheme January 2021 to support learning at home

We are pleased to announce that there is a government scheme in place to support students learning at home where mobile network data is being used to access learning resources in a home with **no fixed broadband connection**.

#### **What is on offer?**

The major network providers are offering free extensions to data allowance for students' mobile devices for the rest of this academic year. The offer depends on the network provider you use, but most are offering either 20GB per month or unlimited data.

#### **Who can use this scheme?**

This is open to children and young people who don't have access to a fixed broadband connection at home, and:

- 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

#### **How do you join the scheme?**

You need to send us some details about the mobile device which will be used. Please send this information to [surowiecm@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:surowiecm@melkshamoak.wilts.sch.uk) as soon as possible, complete the Google Form using the link below, or return a paper copy of this letter to me.

Google Forms Link: <https://forms.gle/t1m3gZPvty6G9yppq7>

We require the following information in your email please:

Name of parent/carer:	
Child's name:	
Child's mobile phone number (this should always start with '07'):	
Which mobile network?:	
Is this phone "Contract" or "Pay-as-you-go"?:	
Confirmation that you have read and understood the following privacy statement: <a href="https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/increasing-mobile-data/privacy-notice">https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/increasing-mobile-data/privacy-notice</a>	Please sign and date if returning paper version:

Once you have provided us with this information, we will quickly pass this on via the appropriate channels, ensuring of course that we comply with the privacy statement below and the GDPR guidelines for our own organisation. We do not yet know how long it takes for the increased data to be set up but we hope it is a swift process.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Mark Surowiec – Assistant Principal

Melksham Oak Community School