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Dear Parents and Carers,

The Government have issued us with guidance stating that some of our families may be entitled to increases in their data allowance on their mobile phone. This then means that you can use your mobile phone as a 'wifi hotspot' and tether other devices (such as a laptop) to your phone.

There are some stipulations to this:

- Your child must be entitled to Pupil Premium (we have only sent this letter to those who are entitled)
- You don't have access to a fixed broadband connection at home.
- You cannot afford the additional data needed to access educational resources
- You have access to a mobile device that uses a participating network.

The following networks are supporting this scheme:

- EE
- Three
- Sky Mobile
- SMARTY
- Tesco Mobile
- Virgin Mobile

If these criteria all apply to you, please fill out the google form on this link by Thursday 14th January:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfjPB3KGvUsOrldsRU-J78s9mHzHOvh6-UW8Fw6v8A2oO3kiQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

We have to make you aware of the Government's privacy policy for this as they will be the body using your data:

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.

If you wish to read more about the Governments privacy policy, please click on the following link:

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/increasing-mobile-data/privacy-notice>

As always, if you require any I.T. support or have any questions, please email:

it@emersonvalley.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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