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Dear Parent/Guardian

Internet Data Allowance Increase

The Government, alongside Mobile Data providers, has organised a scheme to increase mobile data allowance for those families that are using the internet more at home during the school closure and may struggle with the additional cost of this. They recognise that with students completing home learning, often alongside parents working from home, there may be a need for an increased use of the internet.

The school is simply the organisation that makes the referral on the parents' behalf, we don't have any control over what offer is given by the internet provider and whether parents will definitely be awarded it.

Who can get help

Schools, trusts and local authorities can request mobile data increases for children and young people who:

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

Children with access to a mobile phone on one of the following networks might be able to benefit:

- Three
- Smarty
- Virgin Mobile
- EE
- Tesco Mobile
- Sky Mobile
- O2

Other providers may join the scheme at a later stage. Please be aware that each internet provider appears to have a different 'offer'.

If you feel additional mobile internet data is something that your child/children will need over the school closure, please contact Sam Holland via email: sam.holland@sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk. Sam will need the following information from you:

- the name of the account holder for the phone account;
- the phone number of the mobile linked to the account;
- the mobile network of that device;
- do you pay monthly or Pay as you Go (PAYG).

e.g. Jane Smith 07123456789 Virgin Mobile Pay monthly

Yours faithfully

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