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Dear Parent / Carers

Please find below details of various technology offers that may benefit you during the current climate.

### **Vodafone**

We have a supply of Free Data SIMs from Vodafone. These come with 30GB of data to use for 90 days.

**Smart Laptop / Dongle** – if you have a device with a slot for a SIM card, just pop it in and you're good to go.

**Smartphone** – Pop the SIM card in your phone – you can then use that data to connect or 'tether' your other devices by using the 'Hotspot' feature on the phone

### **BT**

BT have announced a 'Lockdown Learning' Support Scheme for parents.

- 1) Unlimited data:** To help ensure no one is left behind while face-to-face teaching is on hold, BT's 'Lockdown Learning' package extends BT and EE's partnership with the Department for Education's Get Help with Technology programme to provide **unlimited mobile data for EE and BT customers who need it to support a child's education.**
- 2) Free WiFi vouchers:** BT has also pledged to distribute WiFi vouchers directly to schools, and our charity partners, allowing those families and carers with little or no connection to access the 5 million BT WiFi Hotspots available across the UK. The school has a supply of these, this is subject to a postcode check to ensure you can access a Wifi Hotspot. Wi-Fi access is until the end of July 2021
- 3) Zero Rating educational websites:** We will also aim to remove all mobile data charges, for some of the most popular educational websites before the end of this month, while schools remain closed. More details to follow in the coming week.
- 4) Keeping kids safe, learning and entertained online:** Launched in 2019, BT Skills for Tomorrow provides free support, information and advice on key digital skills for 10 million school children, families, jobseekers and



businesses across the UK. These include a series of educational and fun activities to support home learning for children aged 4-11 years.

<https://www.bt.com/skillsfortomorrow/families>

### **Department for Education's Get Help with Technology**

The DfE is working in partnership with mobile network operators to help schools support disadvantaged pupils in years 3 to 11 who rely on a mobile internet connection when their face-to-face education is disrupted by coronavirus (COVID-19).

Disadvantaged families may be able to benefit from free increases to their mobile data if they're a customer of either:

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|----------------|---------------|------------|----------|
| • EE           | Three         | Sky Mobile | O2       |
| • Tesco Mobile | Virgin Mobile | SMARTY     | Vodafone |

More providers may join the scheme in future.

The amount of data available to families will vary by provider. Data will be increased until the end of July 2021.

If you are interested in any of the above then please contact me.

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