

Increasing data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children

This scheme temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks. This is so that disadvantaged children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted, and they do not have access to broadband at home.

Who can get help

Newsham Primary can request mobile data increases for disadvantaged children and young people in years 3 to 11 who are not able to attend school due to national lockdown restrictions. They must 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

Newsham Primary can also make requests for children and young people who meet the criteria above, and are:

- in any year group and have been advised to shield because they (or someone they live with) are clinically extremely vulnerable
- in any year group attending a hospital school

Mobile data increases are currently not available for:

- children who typically receive home education (also known as 'elective home education' or 'home schooling')
- care leavers who are not attending school or further education
- students in further education

Which mobile networks can increase data

Children 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

Other providers will join the scheme at a later stage.

To apply, please ring school (01670 353124)