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Dear Parents/Carers,

Working together during lockdown

This is not the welcome back to the New Year that we were all hoping for but the staff at Gillespie are committed to doing the best they can to support children during this difficult period. We know that remote learning will work best when we have a true and supportive partnership between parents and the school. The school has prepared carefully for such an eventuality; however, it was not our expectation that we would be moving in to a whole school lockdown. This means that we have had to adjust the logistics of planning and live teaching so that families who have children in different year groups are better able to facilitate children's learning. We understand that there were going to be some teething troubles as we get everything set up. Teachers will be feeding back to me on any families who are finding it problematic to engage either because of technology or lack of equipment. We will be seeking solutions to support any families on low incomes or eligible for free school meals so please contact us if you cannot access remote learning. We are aiming to ensure that 100% of children learning from home can access remote learning.

Impact of staff absence during the pandemic

Parents will know that compared to many schools, last term we were able to keep ALL classes open for the entire term and were not as severely impacted on by the pandemic as some schools. Unfortunately, despite us continuing to implement rigorous protocols in the school, a number of staff have already been affected this week and are either isolating and working from home or are ill. We are now using all available staff including the Leadership Team to help maintain the provision.

Staff isolating who are well enough will continue remote learning from home. Staff that become unwell and are unfit to work will NOT be able to deliver remote learning and live teaching during the period of their illness and we will have to adjust the offer where that is the case. If classes are affected in this way parents will be informed of what the new arrangements will be. During this period families should contact the school via the school office and not the class teacher.

Accessing Google Classroom

We have now been informed that Google Classroom can be accessed via some gaming consoles including the following Xbox One, Xbox Series S, Xbox Series X, PlayStation 4, PS4 Pro or PS5. Your child will also require a USB keyboard.

For full details on how to access Google Classroom from one of these devices please visit:

<https://www.pocket-lint.com/apps/news/google/155204-how-to-use-google-classroom-on-xbox-and-playstation>

Increasing data allowance

Schools can now request help to increase mobile data allowances 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.

If one of these apply to you please complete the questionnaire below. You can include the names and year group for all of your children on one form.

This scheme temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks. This is so that children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted.

You will need to confirm you have read the privacy notice on the last page of this newsletter with information on how your data will be used.

Please complete this survey by 12pm Friday 15th January 2021. <https://tinyurl.com/y67tvxz9>

Yours sincerely,
Mark Owen, Headteacher

Children's flu immunisation catch up clinics

If your child has not received the flu nasal spray and you would like them to, please contact the number below to book your appointment.

DATE	DAY	TIME	VENUE	ADDRESS
5 TH JANUARY 2021	TUESDAY	3.40 – 5.40	LIFT	45 White Lion St, The Angel, N1 9PW
6 TH JANUARY 2021	WEDNESDAY	3.30 – 5.30	SELBY CENTRE	Selby Rd, Tottenham, London N17 8JL
7 TH JANUARY 2021	THURSDAY	10.00 – 2.00	STEPHEN INK	Tannington Terrace, Finsbury Park, London N5 1LG
7 TH JANUARY 2021	THURSDAY	3.30 – 5.30	CAXTON HOUSE	129 ST JOHNS WAY, N19 3RQ
11 TH JANUARY 2021	MONDAY	10:00 – 2:30	FREEHOLD COMMUNITY CENTRE	Sydney Road, Muswell Hill, N10 2NT
12 TH JANUARY 2021	TUESDAY	10:00 – 2:00	SELBY CENTRE	Selby Rd, Tottenham, London N17 8JL
13 TH JANUARY 2021	WEDNESDAY	10.00 – 2.00	STEPHEN INK	Tannington Terrace, Finsbury Park, London N5 1LG
14 TH JANUARY 2021	THURSDAY	3.30 – 5.30	CAXTON HOUSE	129 St John Way, London, N19 3RQ
15 TH JANUARY 2021	FRIDAY	10:00 – 2:00	LIFT	45 White Lion St, The Angel, N1 9PW
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NOTE: APPOINTMENT BASED ONLY – PLEASE CALL ON 020 8017 7925 TO BOOK

Increasing mobile data for disadvantaged pupils

Explaining our privacy policy

Those affected by the offer need to understand how we'll use their personal information.

Please share the following privacy statement with:

- the adult account holder for the mobile device
- the parent or carer of the person benefiting from the offer, if they're under 13
- the person benefiting from the offer, if they're 13 or over

Privacy statement

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.

How we look after personal information for the Increasing Children's Mobile Data scheme

Who this information is for

This information is for:

- account holders for mobile devices
- children, young people and care leavers
- parents and carers

About the Mobile Network Offer

The Mobile Network Offer is run by the Department for Education (DfE). Under the offer, some mobile network operators have agreed to increase data allowances for mobile devices with existing contracts.

This is to help children, young people and care leavers in their education and social care.

How schools and local authorities will use personal information

Schools or social care teams will use the contact details they normally do when providing education or social care support. They'll use these details to approach you to find out whether the offer is right for you.

Who personal information will be shared with and how it will be used

If you decide to take up the offer, the school, trust, social care team or local authority will collect and share the following information about the account holder with the DfE:

- their name
- their telephone number
- their mobile network operator details (including whether you are on Pay-as-you-go or a monthly contract)

The school, trust, social care team or local authority will not share the name of anyone except the account holder with the DfE.

The DfE will use the above information in order to arrange and administer the Mobile Network Offer described above.

The DfE will share the above information with the account holder's mobile network operator so the operator can check you are on a valid plan or tariff, arrange and administer the increase in data.

Why we can use personal information

To use personal information, we need to have a lawful ground as set out in data protection legislation. For providing this service, the DfE uses and shares personal information as part of its legitimate interest (which is one such ground). The DfE has a legitimate interest in supporting learners and care leavers during exceptional times.

How long we hold personal information

Any personal information will only be held by the DfE for as long as necessary, and no later than 31 August 2021.

Your rights

You have certain rights under data protection law, including the right to find out what data we hold about you. If you want to do this, you can make a 'subject access request' using our [contact form](#).

You can find more information about how we handle personal data in our [personal information charter](#).

You can also find out more about [data protection rights](#) from the [Information Commissioner's Office](#).