



St Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls

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Dear Families

I hope this letter finds you well.

This letter is about two things: The Government Scheme for additional data access for disadvantaged students and the Government Mass Covid-19 Testing Programme in schools.

DfE Children's Mobile Data Scheme

The government has released a limited number of packages increasing data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children. The government has outlined that schools can 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 to access educational resources; are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education.

Please complete the google form if you consider that you meet the criteria. Prior to completing this form, please read the privacy notice which you can access from the link below. This gives you information on privacy and how your details will be processed. [How we look after personal information for the Increasing Children's Mobile Data scheme - Get help with technology - GOV.UK](#)

Apply for the upgrade to mobile data using the google form [here](#).

As parents you cannot apply yourselves, schools have to make applications on your behalf for your child. The packages are limited and not all networks will offer data to all payment plans. You can read about the offers available from each network provider by clicking on the link [Telling them about their offer – Guide to collecting mobile information](#)

As this offer is limited please complete the form by **3:00pm on TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2021** so that we can submit our application to the DfE.

Government Mass Covid-19 Testing Programme in Schools

We have set up a section on our website called [COVID-19 testing](#). In this section you will find information and letters about the testing programme in St Martin's.

As you know the Government wanted all schools to begin testing from the week beginning 4 January. As a National Lockdown was announced on 5 January, we are no longer able to do this. Our plan is to begin mass testing when we return to school. In the meantime, with consent, we will test staff and students who are in school for onsite learning during the period of lockdown.

Please read the information on the website and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at the school by phone or email.

I will be in contact with you again soon.

Best wishes

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