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Dear Parents,

We are really pleased with the high levels of engagement with home learning and we remain keen to support however we can.

Please continue to contact us if you need help with accessing Teams, login reminders and support with assignments etc.

You may have seen Government announcements yesterday regarding technology, as set out below.

Increasing data allowances on mobile devices to support disadvantaged children

Schools, academy trusts and local authorities 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*
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Mobile data increases can also be requested when schools report a closure or have pupils self-isolating. Schools can also make requests for children who cannot attend school face-to-face because they are clinically extremely vulnerable or restrictions prevent them from going to school.

If increasing mobile data isn't a suitable option for some children, schools can also request 4G wireless routers.

The criteria we have been given for provision of 4G wireless routers is;

- *pupils in years 3 to 11 who do not have internet access and whose face-to-face education is disrupted*
- *in any year group who have been **advised to shield** because they (or someone they live with) are clinically extremely vulnerable*
- *in any year group attending a hospital school*



If you believe you are eligible for help from either the data or 4G wireless router initiative or simply want to find out more then please contact Mr Pynn headteacher@hshafed.uk in confidence.

Likewise, please contact Mr Pynn to resolve any other issues you may currently face regarding difficulties relating to engagement with home learning.

Take care.



James Pynn
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