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Mobile Data Increases Available

Did you know that to support families in delivering online learning, Schools and Families can request FREE mobile data increases for students who do not have access to broadband and/or those who cannot afford extra data for devices.

All the main providers including Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile and Sky Mobile are all taking part in this scheme. For further details, please click on this [link](#).



A new Dyslexia Friendly School in Swindon

On 9th December, Nythe Primary School became the latest Swindon Dyslexia Friendly School. To be accredited as Dyslexia Friendly, a school has to demonstrate to the Swindon SpLD-Dyslexia Service that all aspects of teaching and learning, support, reflecting pupil voice, leadership, as well as working with parents, governors and the wider community, meet the Dyslexia Friendly Schools standards based on the British Dyslexia Association standards.

Dyslexia Friendly Schools report that supporting all learners with this whole school inclusive approach promotes teamwork between staff and pupils, self-esteem, confidence, independent learning and progress for children with SEN.

Any school interested in becoming a Dyslexia Friendly School should contact the Swindon SpLD-Dyslexia Service:
dyslexia@millbrook.swindon.sch.uk

Changes to national restrictions and temporary school closures

In light of this week's Government announcement implementing another national lockdown due to the current pandemic, the Council for Disabled Children has provided an updated guide to the current Government guidance on school closures.

To view this information please click on this [link](#).



Online resources from the BBC

As we enter into Lockdown 3, you might be in need of some supplementary online resources to support your home schooling timetables. There are lots of resources available (see [Useful home schooling resources for parents, teachers and SENCos page](#) on the Local Offer). Also, this week, the BBC announced that from Monday 11th January 2021 they will be dedicating airtime to primary and secondary lessons.

CBBC will be on air daily with three hours of primary school lessons which will include BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily. There will be other educational programmes available such as Our School and Celebrity Supply Teacher and many of the much loved titles such as Horrible Histories, Art Ninja and Operation Ouch.

BBC Two will be dedicated to Secondary school lessons with programming to support the GCSE curriculum, with at least two hours of content available each day.

For further details, please click on this [link](#).



PE with Joe is back!

Following the success of his online PE lessons during the first lockdown in March 2020, Joe Wicks is back!

Joe will be broadcasting live PE sessions on his youtube channel from next week. There will be three sessions per week, Monday, Wednesday & Friday all commencing at 9.00am.

Explaining dual and multiple exceptionality (DME)

DME is intended to describe children and young people who have both a disability or special educational need, and an area of exceptional performance or ability.

Pupils with DME are likely to only have either their disability or special educational need or their area of exceptional performance/ability recognised which potentially leads to under achievement.

If you would like to find out more about DME there is a free webinar available which provides an overview of DME and other helpful information. To find out more click [here](#).

