

Helping your Child to Continue to Learn at Home (Coronavirus)

As the Coronavirus crisis continues, we are all following Government advice to stay at home. As a result, many pupils are currently not able to attend school. We have provided information below to help you to structure learning at home and to find interesting and exciting learning resources to support you and your child(ren). We learn in everything we do. For example, we learn fine motor skills in arts and crafts, coordination in dancing or yoga, writing skills when creating a poster, taking turns when playing board games and patience in baking. All of these have a place, alongside maintaining learning in English and maths, in helping your child to have enjoyable learning experiences at home so that they are ready to return to school in due course. Many of the resources below have been made available for free whilst schools remain closed.

Eight Top Tips:

1. Create a **timetable with your children** – allow them to invest in their own learning. **Make sure you include breaks.**
2. **Recap** – talk to your children about what they have learned recently in school and link learning to it.
3. **Be practical** – this is your chance to give your children a hands-on education where they can see things for themselves (e.g. learn a skill, do an exercise video, science experiments, arts and crafts, practical maths such as cutting pizza into fractions, designing and making something, etc.)
4. **Talk** and develop **vocabulary** and **communication skills** – this is essential for being a good writer in the future.
5. Teach **life skills** that will stay with your child forever (e.g. tying their shoelaces, cooking, sewing, gardening, etc.)
6. **Practice the CORE skills** they will need when they go back to school to ensure a smooth transition (**writing paragraphs, reading (phonics if in KS1) and comprehension, maths and spelling**).
7. **Vary** what you do to maintain your child's attention.

As always, please ensure you are teaching your children the e-safety rules to help them keep safe online. Please check resources before they are accessed to ensure they are not malicious or inappropriate.

Resources for Primary and Secondary Pupils

Website & Brief Description	Link
<u>Twinkl</u> Twinkl has made their resources available to parents while schools are closed. Use the offer code next to the link.	https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer Offer code: PARENTSTWINKLHELPS
<u>Google Arts and Culture</u> Explore places (such as Machu Picchu) and take a virtual tour of museums. You could then encourage your learners to research or draw something they saw.	https://artsandculture.google.com/?mc_cid=fb66db46e5&mc_eid=f046b5194c
<u>Amazon's Audible</u> Amazon's Audible have released audiobooks for children and teens to listen to for free.	https://stories.audible.com/
<u>PE with Joe</u> Joe Wicks is releasing daily PE sessions for children on YouTube at 9.00am called 'PE with Joe'.	https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1 (look for the videos that say PE with Joe)
<u>Oti's Kids Dance Class</u> Oti from Strictly Come Dancing is doing daily dance classes at 11.30am for children on her YouTube channel.	https://www.youtube.com/user/mosetsanagape (look for the classes that say kids next to them)
<u>Great British Home Chorus</u> Gareth Malone has started The Great British Home Chorus project. He is holding daily YouTube rehearsals each night at 5.30pm. You can get involved and catch up on missed rehearsals on his page. Adults may enjoy this too!	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rFgYqP2wUQU (first rehearsal) https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC278IKj0R4JBFB18Waw-tWA (other videos will be posted here)
<u>Draw with Steve Harpster</u> Steve Harpster is doing a daily drawing class on his YouTube page (Draw with Steve Harpster) at 6.00pm.	https://www.youtube.com/user/tgif38/videos?disable_polymer=1
<u>Newsround</u> This website has a range of news items aimed at children. You can watch their updates and read articles. There is a section on coronavirus with text and video guidance, focusing on tips for children who are worried, how to wash your hands, and what self-isolation means. However, there are also some fun news stories to keep your children up to date with the outside world.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround
<u>White Rose Maths</u> They will be releasing five free maths lessons for each year group from Early Years to Year 8. The lessons are video-based.	https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/
<u>Khan Academy</u> Each weekday, Khan Academy are live streaming lessons at 4.00pm. There are learning schedules available for children from 4 - 18.	https://www.khanacademy.org/about/blog/post/611770255064350720/remote-learning-with-khan-academy-during-school

Resources for Primary (KS1 & KS2) Aged Pupils

Website & Brief Description	Link
<u>Teach It Primary</u> 'Teach It' are providing unlimited access to their PDF resources that parents can print out.	https://www.teachitprimary.co.uk/membership?utm_source=Teachit%20Primary&utm_medium=Slider&utm_campaign=COVID-19%20membership%20slider
<u>World Of David Walliams</u> David Walliams is releasing a free audio story each day at 11.00am.	https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/
<u>The Maths Factor</u> Carol Vorderman's website is free while schools are closed. It teaches maths to children between the ages of 4 and 11.	https://www.themathsfactor.com/
<u>Plazoom</u> Plazoom are offering free home learning packs in a range of subjects while schools are closed.	https://www.plazoom.com/collections/free
<u>Blue Peter Badges</u> Spend time writing letters, poems, stories or creating pictures to send in to earn a Blue Peter Badge.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges
<u>Classroom Secrets</u> Classroom Secrets is providing free, fun, interactive and practical home learning resources that are designed to be used by children. These include interactive games, video tutorials and downloadable home learning packs	https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/
<u>Master the Curriculum</u> This company is offering some free resources to support maths learning in the Primary years while at home.	https://masterthecurriculum.co.uk/
<u>PlanBee</u> This website is offering free home learning packs for primary children. They are organised into Key Stages. There is also a discount on resources due to COVID 19.	https://www.planbee.com/
<u>Third Space Learning</u> This website is offering a range of free resources for home learning in maths.	https://thirdspacelearning.com/blog/home-learning/

Resources for Secondary (KS3 & KS4) Aged Pupils

Website & Brief Description	Link
<u>Teach It English</u> <u>Teach It Maths</u> <u>Teach It Science</u> <u>Teach It Geography</u> <u>Teach It History</u> <u>Teach It Languages</u> 'Teach It' are providing unlimited access to their resources that parents can print out. The company covers a variety of subjects as listed above.	https://www.teachitenglish.co.uk/membership?utm_source=Teachit%20English&utm_medium=Slider&utm_campaign=COVID-19%20membership%20slider https://www.teachitmaths.co.uk/coronavirus https://www.teachitscience.co.uk/coronavirus https://www.teachitgeography.co.uk/coronavirus https://www.teachithistory.co.uk/coronavirus https://www.teachitlanguages.co.uk/
<u>Actively Learn</u> This is a remote learning site that has a range of texts and videos to teach science, English language arts (ELA) and social studies. This is an American site, so it does not relate directly to the UK curriculum but will keep children engaged in learning.	https://www.activelylearn.com/
<u>BBC Bitesize</u> It is always a completely free resource, but it is a great place to learn and revise learning for all children. The BBC will be adding daily updates to support children with their learning while schools are closed.	https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

Resources for Schools to Access and Use

Website & Brief Description	Link
<u>Pearson</u> Pearson have made their ActiveLearn platforms free to schools while they are closed. This is available for Primary and Secondary schools.	https://www.pearson.com/uk/educators.html
<u>MyMaths</u> Schools can request free access to MyMaths if they don't already have it.	http://admin-couppform.edcowebsites.co.uk/mm/request-a-primary-mymaths-free-trial/form
<u>Khan Academy</u> Teachers can create a free account and set up a classroom for remote learning.	https://www.khanacademy.org/about/blog/post/611770255064350720/remote-learning-with-khan-academy-during-school
<u>TT Rockstars</u> Schools can register to access Times Tables Rockstars for free while schools are closed.	https://trockstars.com/page/covid19support
<u>Fiction Express</u> This site offers a three-month free trial to their online reading platform.	https://en.fictionexpress.com/