

Department for Education Guidance

Coronavirus (COVID 19): list of online education resources for home education

Audible

Website: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: all children's audiobooks are available for free while schools are closed.

Registration: not required

Authorfy

Website: <https://authorfy.com>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: access to masterclasses on texts from a range of authors, including videos from the authors and activities linked to novels.

Registration: is required

BookTrust

Website: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/bookfinder/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: a site with recommended booklists, categorised by age range and topic, including fiction and non-fiction. Family activities are included in the 'Home Time' section.

Registration: not required

Classroom Secrets

Website: <https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/free-home-learning-packs/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: downloadable resource packs which cover a range of subjects, including reading and writing.

Registration: not required

Love Reading 4 Kids

Website: <https://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: a site with recommended booklists, categorised by age range and topic, covering fiction and non-fiction.

Registration: not required

Mash

Website: <https://2simple.com/purple-mash/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: free during the school closure period. Each week, a selection of daily activities is produced on different subjects, including comprehension and grammar.

Registration: is required

Storytime with Nick

Website: <https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/help-during-school-closure/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: available from Monday 20 April. Films of well-loved stories read by Nick Cannon, a trained actor, teacher and trainer.

Registration: not required

The Children's Poetry Archive

Website: <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: an archive of spoken poetry recordings. Children can listen to poems read out loud.

Registration: not required

Registration: not required

Website: <https://theday.co.uk/subscriptions/the-day-home>

Maths

This initial list of maths resources is based on recommendations from the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) and maths teachers.

Some maths publishers are now making their offers to schools free or providing free trials. Schools already using a trusted or familiar maths package should continue to do so.

Mathematics Mastery

Website: <https://www.mathematicsmastery.org/free-resources>

Key stages: early years foundation stage, key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: downloadable guidance and resource packs for parents and pupils.

Registration: not required

Nrich

Website: <https://nrich.maths.org/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: a range of activities. Some are interactive and some are to be completed offline.

Activities are categorised by age range.

Registration: not required

Numberblocks

Website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-with-maths>

Key stages: early years foundation stage and key stage 1

Description: videos for numeracy development designed for children aged 0 to 6. There are fun activities that can be applied to everyday life and play.

Registration: not required

Top Marks

Website: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

Key stages: early years foundation stage, key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: a range of interactive maths games categorised by age group.

Registration: not required

White Rose Maths (home learning)

Website: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: presentations and downloadable workbooks which are easy to use for parents. New material is being released each week.

Registration: not required

Website: <https://sparx.co.uk/>

Key stages: key stage 3 and key stage 4

Description: a virtual classroom which supports teachers in building and running lessons as well as tracking pupil progress.

Registration: requires school registration

Science

This initial list of science resources is based on recommendations from learned societies, including:

- the Association for Science Education (ASE)
- The Royal Society
- the Royal Society of Biology (RSB)
- the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)
- the Institute of Physics (IOP)

These resources link closely to the national curriculum, however there are many other resources supporting enrichment and practical activities available on the societies' websites and elsewhere.

Physical education (PE) and physical activity

This initial list of physical education (PE) and physical activity resources is based on recommendations from:

- the Association for Physical Education (afPE)
- Public Health England (PHE)
- Sport England
- the Yorkshire Sport Foundation (YSF)

These resources will help young people to get the daily 60 minutes of activity recommended by the UK Chief Medical Officer (CMO) in fun ways.

All the resources listed here are for activities designed to be carried out indoors or, if available, a garden.

Children and young people can go outside for one form of exercise a day, such as:

- a walk with members of their household
- a run with members of their household
- a cycle with members of their household

Outdoor exercise should be carried out locally.

Children and young people should always follow the latest [official advice on social distancing](#), which means making sure that they and their parent or carer stay more than 2 metres from others (including friends and other family members).

PE and physical activity: primary

Boogie Beebies

Website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006mvsc>

Key stages: early years foundation stage

Description: videos that get younger children up and dancing with CBeebies presenters.

Registration: not required

Disney 10 Minute Shakeups

Website: <https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: 10-minute activities based on Disney films that count towards a child's 60 active minutes per day.

Registration: not required

Mental wellbeing

This initial list of mental wellbeing resources is based on the recommendations of trusted partners. It is designed to provide guidance on how to support the wellbeing of children and young people being educated remotely.

Many organisations already working with schools will be able to provide remote support, and schools are encouraged to discuss what ongoing support might be available during this time.

Mental wellbeing: primary

Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families

Website: <https://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/anna-freud-learning-network/coronavirus/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: wellbeing advice for all those supporting children and young people.

Registration: not required

British Psychological Society (BPS)

Website: <https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/bps-offers-advice-schools-parents-and-carers-help-children-through-uncertainty>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: advice on dealing with school closures and talking to children about COVID-19.

Registration: not required

Children's Commissioner

Website: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publication/childrens-guide-to-coronavirus/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: a downloadable guide for children about coronavirus.

Registration: not required

MindEd

Website: <https://www.minded.org.uk/>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: an educational resource for all adults on children and young people's mental health.

Registration: not required, but registration increases functionality

The Child Bereavement Network

Website: <http://www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk/covid-19.aspx>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Description: advice on supporting grieving children during the coronavirus outbreak.

Registration: not required

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Registration: not required

Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

This initial list of SEND resources has been developed with a focus on accessibility and inclusivity and is based on the recommendations of:

- trusted organisations
- charities
- multi-academy trusts
- special education headteachers

We encourage parents, teachers and schools to explore beyond this list to identify what support is best for their children and pupils with SEND.

SEND: apps and games

(Apps must be downloaded onto a compatible device)

Brain Parade

Website: <http://www.brainparade.com/products/see-touch-learn-free/>

Description: a visual instruction app, including flash cards and picture-choosing games, for children with autism and special needs.

HelpKidzLearn

Website: <https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/>

Description: a collection of games and resources designed for a range of educational needs and stages. It includes provision for school closure.

Sensory App House Ltd

Website: <https://www.sensoryapphouse.com/>

Description: a range of apps are available for pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) or Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD). All are interactive and many do not require significant coordination abilities.

Visuals2Go

Website: <https://www.visuals2go.com/>

Description: an all-in-one app created to support people with communication and learning difficulties. For verbal and non-verbal learners.

Speech and Language Kids

Website: <https://www.speechandlanguagekids.com/free-speech-language-resources/>

Description: a range of education and therapy resources for speech and language problems. A podcast is also available on iTunes for verbal and non-verbal children.

Registration: not required

UCL Centre for Inclusive Education

Website: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ioe/departments-and-centres/centres/centre-inclusive-education/homeschooling-children-send/managing-transition-home-schooling>

Description: a guide to help parents adjust to remote learning by providing advice and links to resources.

Registration: not required