

Home learning ideas for EYFS children during school closure

The links below can be sent directly to parents or used to draw up a range of ideas and activities which you can distribute. Parents can then choose the activities they think their child would prefer at different points in the day.

If you have a copy of the **LBI Early Years Home Learning Pack**, ideas from this can be photocopied and given out; activities are divided into areas of learning and are appropriate for all young children. If you would like a copy, please contact; eyadmin@islington.gov.uk

The Bright Start Bright Ideas newsletter goes out every two weeks although if schools close, we are planning to make this more regular, possibly daily. Please encourage your parents to subscribe here; <http://bit.ly/BSBIsubscribe>;

<https://abcdoes.com/abc-does-a-blog/2020/03/14/at-least-50-fantastic-ideas-to-try-at-home/>; a bank of ideas drawn together by Alistair Bryce Clegg with practical activities that can easily be done at home and is updated every week.

<https://theimaginationtree.com/stay-at-home-survival-guide/>. The imagination tree website has been developed by an EY teacher and parent of 4 young children with planning, play and learning ideas for self-isolation. It has a selection of lovely ideas that stress the importance of keeping things as playful, fun and as active as possible

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>. Hungry Little Minds, the DfE website, has activities broken down by age with a 'chat, play, read' emphasis. There are accompanying video clips and links to other sites and apps.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people> has communication focussed ideas, broken down by age with the tagline 'talk, bond and have fun'.

Social media; you can encourage parents to join the facebook page; '**Family lockdown tips and ideas**'. This is a page for parents full of tried and tested ideas, games and activities. Instagram, '**fiveminutemum**' has easy fun games for parents to play with their young children.

We recommend that you give parents some tips about the flow of the day and how to manage time, potentially divided into sections of the day. There is a suggested daily schedule on the imagination tree website.

100 Things to do before you are 6

I. Discover your favourite story/stories

2. Go to the beach
3. Build a giant sandcastle
4. Smash ice with a stick outdoors
5. Find a stick and make it your own
6. Go on a treasure hunt
7. Dress up in adults shoes and wear make up you applied
8. Find a fairy door in your house or garden
9. Do the Hokey Cokey
10. Have a sponsored bounce on a trampoline or bouncy castle
11. Throw autumn leaves in the air
12. Crunch through autumn leaves
13. Grow a seed into a plant - sunflowers are great
14. Walk bare foot in mud/sand or even jelly!
15. Hunt for conkers
16. Take a selfie through a toilet roll tube & pretend you're the moon
17. Post a card to a family friend
18. Make bread from scratch
19. Jump in the waves
20. Fish with a fishing net

21. Stroke a rabbit

22. Hop around like a bunny
23. Dress as your favourite character (wear out to the supermarket)
24. Build an indoor den under a table or tip up the sofa
25. Fill water balloons and throw them
26. Dance in the rain without a coat
27. Catch rain drops on your tongue
28. Paint using only your hands or feet
29. Slide down a grassy hill on a tray
30. Roll down a grassy hill
31. Make mud pies
32. Eat an ice cream cone
33. Learn to roll like a pencil
34. Squirt shaving foam then rub your hands in it!
35. Make large bubbles with hoops
36. Blow bubbles on a windy day
37. Grow caterpillars into butterflies
38. Make a Vitamin C rocket
39. Have a picnic indoors and outdoors
40. Sit upstairs on a double decker bus

41. Go for a ride on a train - a steam train is even better

42. Visit old people & tell them a story or sing them a song
43. Chalk on the pavement
44. Learn to play hopscotch
45. Go rock pooling - catch a crab in a bucket
46. Feed the ducks
47. Learn a poem - the owl & pussy cat was my favourite!
48. Make perfume with flower petals and bottles
49. Eat at a restaurant - not a fast food one!
50. Bake fairy cakes and lick the bowl
51. Have a tea party for your toys
52. Sing out loud and dance as often as possible (especially in public)
53. Take part in a show
54. Learn to swim
55. Hold a sparkler and write your name in the air
56. Run so fast you think you can fly
57. Go to a pantomime
58. Roll boiled eggs down a hill
59. Bottle feed lambs
60. Play PooH sticks on a bridge over a river

61. Make a scrap book of your favourite things/people

62. Play Jack in the Box, in a large cardboard box
63. Have a themed birthday party
64. Do one kind act for others each week for a whole year
65. Grow tomatoes and eat them
66. Stay up late to look at the stars with a night time picnic
67. Visit a 'pick your own' farm
68. Play apple bobbing
69. Toast marshmallows on a fire pit outdoors
70. Jump on your bed
71. Ride on carousel horse at the fair
72. Eat ice cream cornet from an ice cream van
73. Bash a piñata
74. Play party games like pass the parcel, musical chairs or musical statues
75. Slide down a garden water slide
76. Slide full body on a muddy field
77. Be a pirate for a day, build a ship, dig for treasure
78. Explore your garden looking for mini beasts
79. Make a sock puppet and do a show
80. Do a coin rubbing with paper and crayons

81. Make a rope swing in a tree with a tyre or large stick as the seat

82. Put on a cape (piece of material) pretend you're a superhero
83. Talk like a pirate for a day (if your voice will last!)
84. Learn to jump a rope - simple skipping
85. Bounce a bouncy ball as hard as you can!
86. Eat jelly and ice cream with a gigantic spoon
87. Have unlimited toppings on your ice cream... Your choice!
88. Ride a two wheel bike
89. Make friends with people who live in a different country
90. Enter a competition to win a prize
91. Join in a Guinness World Record attempt
92. Help wash a car with buckets and sponges
93. Learn ball/wall games to play on your own
94. Pretend to conduct your own orchestra
95. Hike up a mountain and admire the view
96. Use a magnifying glass
97. Visit a museum with dinosaur skeletons and fossils
98. Run in and out of a hose pipe spray
99. Go on an adventure to a zoo or farm
100. Roll around a large field and stop to smell the grass