



Dear Parents/Careers

The DfE have brought together an initial list of online educational resources to help children to learn at home.

These websites have been identified by some of the country's leading educational experts and offer a wide range of support and resources for pupils of all ages.

The list includes subject-specific resources for:

- [English](#)
- [maths](#)
- [science](#)
- [PE](#)
- [wellbeing](#)
- [Special educational needs and disabilities \(SEND\)](#)

They are currently being offered for free.

Individual resources cannot replace a school's properly planned curriculum, and the resources in this list are not intended to do so.

They may be useful for parents in considering how they could support their children's education, but they should not be used in place of existing resources which schools may be using as part of their continued provision for pupils' education at this time.

This list of resources is not exhaustive and there are many other resources available to schools.

Before using these resources, you should refer to the guidance '[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): safeguarding in schools, colleges and other providers](#)', which has further information on how to keep children safe online.

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Note that you use all content at your own risk. Resources made available through the lists are subject to third party terms and conditions and copyright law.

Access to resources is in most cases free of charge, but it is your responsibility to check whether you have to pay to view and/or copy specific content contained within the resources.

English

This initial list of English resources is based on recommendations from English Hub schools and trusted teachers.

Reading, especially for primary age children, is critical to their educational development and something that families can do together.

Some publishers are making their catalogues available for free. Schools should check what is available for the books used in their schools.

English: primary

Phonics

Schools should seek advice from their phonics programme provider about resources that are available to support remote phonics learning at home. For example, Read Write Inc. (RWI) has made video content freely available online.

DfE's validated phonics programmes are:

- [Floppy's Phonics Sounds and Letters](#)
- [Jolly Phonics](#)
- [Letterland Phonics](#)
- [Letters and Sounds](#) (supplemented by closely matched and fully decodable books)
- [Phonics Bug](#)
- [Read Write Inc.](#)
- [Sound Discovery](#)
- [Sounds-Write](#)

However, some schools will use programmes not on this list.

English Hub schools are developing resources for schools that use Letters and Sounds.

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



Book Trust

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

Elevenes with the World of David Walliams

Website: <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenes/>

Key stages: key stage 2

Description: one free audio book reading is available to listen to every day.

Registration: not required

English Mastery

Website: <https://www.englishmastery.org/>

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: downloadable resource books providing 8 weeks of activities.

Registration: not required

Literacy Shed

Website: <https://www.literacyshedplus.com/en-gb/browse/free-resources/key-stage-2-activity-packs>

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: downloadable resource packs with tasks based on video clips on YouTube.

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

Pobble 365

Website: <https://www.pobble365.com/>

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: a new image is published each day as a basis for creative writing. Story starters, questions and drawing ideas are provided.

Registration: not required

Poetry by Heart

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

Key stages: key stage 2

Description: a wide selection of poetry covering different topics

Registration: not required to view poems, but it is required to access teaching resources.

Purple 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

The Day newsletter

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

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: a daily newsletter for parents and carers at home with children, helping to enrich learning with real-world knowledge and skills.

Registration: is required

Maths

This initial list of maths resources is based on recommendations from the National Centre of Excellence in the Teaching for 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.

Maths: primary

Hamilton Trust (home learning section)

Website: <https://www.hamilton-trust.org.uk/blog/learning-home-packs/>

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: downloadable resource packs with teacher guidance. A week's worth of resources is provided for each year group.

Registration: not required

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 to key stage 2

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: key stage 1 and key stage 2

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

Registration: not required

Science

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

- the Association for Science Education (ASE)
- 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.

Science: primary

BBC Bitesize

Website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: interactive resources covering the primary science curriculum.

Registration: not required

STEM Learning (Home learning)

Website: <https://www.stem.org.uk/primary-science>

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: an online resource bank, which links to resources on external websites. The site features a live chat function offering support from subject experts. New home learning resources are being developed.

Registration: not required

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 videos based on Disney films that count towards a child's 60 active minutes per day.

Registration: not required

Super Movers

Website: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: videos which help children move while they learn. They support curriculum subjects, including maths and English.

Registration: not required

#ThisIsPE

Website: <https://www.afpe.org.uk/physical-education/thisispe-supporting-parents-to-teach-pe-at-home/>

Key stages: key stage 1 and key stage 2

Description: videos delivered by teachers focussing on the PE curriculum which are accessible on YouTube.

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

BPS

Website: <https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-blogs>

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: is required

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

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.

Description: a downloadable guide to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of pupils and students during periods of disruption.

Registration: not required

