

On-line Learning Resources suggested by Westminster Local Authority.

General resource List

All Ways Educating - <https://www.awediscounts.com/>

BBC Bitesize – many schools use this already and it has a wide variety of suitable resources across the age range.

BBC education package – The BBC are launching an education package across TV and online, featuring celebrities and some of the best teachers – helping to keep children learning and supporting parents

BBC iPlayer

There has been an announcement that additional education resources will be made available by the BBC through the iPlayer platform.

Blue Peter Badges - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges> If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

Audible gives young people can access online spoken word books. This does not require a subscription and audible can be accessed through a wide range of devices – so should be widely accessible.

<https://www.imore.com/audible-offering-hundreds-titles-six-languages-kids-free>

Cbeebies Radio - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio> Listening activities for the younger pupils.

Crash Course - <https://thecrashcourse.com> You Tube videos on many subjects

Crash Course Kids - <https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids> As above for a younger audience.

DK Find Out - Activities and quizzes

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSelTf4do6aPhff8A3tAktnmpaxqZbkqudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac>

DfE The DfE has released a list of online education resources which can be found on the link: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education#english>

Economics / critical thinking - <https://economistfoundation.org/resources/> under the general section. The target is upper years primary and Key Stage 3. These are topical activities from 30 minutes to 1 hour.

iDEA Awards - <https://idea.org.uk> Digital enterprise award scheme you can complete online.

London curriculum - <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/education-and-youth/london-curriculum>

London Learning at Home

The Mayor has launched [London Learning at Home](#) to bring together the city's free learning and cultural resources that children can access from home.

Parents, carers and teachers can easily search for resources by age range, subject, key stage and level of adult supervision needed.

The new initiative will help young Londoners to still feel connected to the incredible people, places and culture of their city.

www.london.gov.uk/learning-at-home

National Geographic Kids - <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/> Activities and quizzes for younger children.

Nature Detectives - <https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/>
A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location.

Oxford Owl for Home - <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/> Lots of free resources for Primary age pupils.

Paw Print Badges - <https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk> Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.

Ted Ed - <https://ed.ted.com> All sorts of engaging educational videos

Ted talks youth - as search term in You Tube brings up some wonderful talks that teachers can direct pupils to.

The Kids Should See This - <https://thekidshouldseethis.com> Wide range of educational videos.

The Oak National Academy - <https://www.thenational.academy/> 180 video lessons each week, across a broad range of subjects from maths to art to languages, for every year group from Reception through to Year 10.

Tinkercad - <https://www.tinkercad.com> All kinds of making with a scientific twist.

Toy Theater - <https://toytheater.com/> Educational online games

Subject specific resources

Art and Design

The Artful Parent - <https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/> Good, free art activities

Red Ted Art - <https://www.redtedart.com> Easy arts and crafts for little ones

The Imagination Tree - <https://theimaginationtree.com> Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.

Computing

Blockly - <https://blockly.games> Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.

Scratch - <https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/> Creative computer programming

Drama www.nationaldrama.org.uk – has some useful videos and links to TED talks that teachers might be able to use.

English - British Council <https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find> Resources for English language learning

Geography www.geography.org.uk – there are more resources available if you are a member but there are some digital resources that can be accessed by teachers and adapted to be sent to pupils.

Geography Games - <https://world-geography-games.com/world.html> Geography gaming.

History www.history.org.uk – must be a member to get resources from this site.

The British Museum has some Object Trials on line [here](#), which can be used easily to set up a good learning experience.

A virtual museum tour of teaching history through 100 objects [here](#).

A virtual museum was set up “Museum with No Frontiers”, which has amazing, multi-cultural tours and ideas [here](#).

Languages www.all-languages.org.uk – There are links to good national resources for French, German and Spanish. Most are intended as classroom lessons first, but there may be resources that can be adapted. There are links to the British Council as well.

Duolingo - <https://www.duolingo.com> Learn languages for free. Web or app.

Mathematics www.ncetm.org.uk – teacher-based resources but can be adapted to be sent out for pupils.

http://www.transum.org/Software/Transum_Topics.asp

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/>

<http://www.cimt.org.uk/> (University of Plymouth)

<https://corbettmaths.com/>

<https://www.khanacademy.org/math> (many home educators use this)

GCSE revision - <https://studymaths.co.uk/>

Prodigy Maths - <https://www.prodigygame.com> This is aimed at U.S.A. grades, but is good for UK Primary age pupils.

Music –

Classical music support: 10 pieces to turn your child into a classical [music fan](#). Introduced and then played, easy to set follow up to these.

PE- Joe Wicks <https://twitter.com/thebodycoach>

Religious Education <https://www.reonline.org.uk/> - there are free digital resources that can be accessed by staff and pupils can be directed to them by the school. **This resource is recommended by the SACREs in both boroughs.**

Science

BP Education Services: <https://bpes.bp.com/> - this is recommended as good and covers primary/secondary. Sign-up required but generally otherwise free.

Khan Academy - <https://www.khanacademy.org/science>

Stemnet - <https://www.stem.org.uk/secondary-science>

TeachitScience (part of AQA): <https://www.teachitscience.co.uk/>

Mystery Science - <https://mysteryscience.com> Free science lessons

Crest Awards - <https://www.crestawards.org> Science awards you can complete from home.

Libraries

Pupils and parents that are members of the library service can access a range of resources, including newspapers online. Here are the relevant links.

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/ebooks-emaazines-and-audiobooks>

Julia Donaldson, is doing a weekly reading of her books on the Pan Macmillan website, at 4pm every Thursday. There are also free Gruffalo colouring sheets/craft activities on the website (<https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/books-for-children/snail-and-the-whale-kids-activities>).

Good Books for Tough Times

Recommended reading for 5 -12-year olds that deals with difficult topics and feelings

<https://www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk/what-we-do/resources-for-parents/good-books-for-tough-times.html>

www.partnershipforchildren.org.uk

Museums

Many other national and local organisations will have virtual collections and online learning resources. For example:

The Tate Galleries: <https://www.tate.org.uk/>

The National Gallery: <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/learning/teachers-and-schools>

The Imperial War Museums: <https://www.iwm.org.uk/collections>

The Exhibition Road group maintains a collective list of their members:

<https://www.discoversouthken.com/itinerary/online-tours-and-collections/>

Please note: when using US resources UK year groups are 1 ahead, ie. UK Year 10 is roughly equivalent to US 9th Grade. The start of KS2 (Year 3) is 2nd Grade in the US. The start of UK secondary (Year 7) is 6th Grade. The start of KS4 (Year 9/10) is 8th/9th Grade.

NHS Colleagues – Talking to children about coronavirus

NHS colleagues have sent a link that staff and parents may find helpful in how to address the topic of COVID 19 with children.

<https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-policy/bps-highlights-importance-talking-children-about-coronavirus>

Children Working at Home – Advice for Parents

I am sure that you have all been working with your parents and community about how they can support their children while the schools are closed. The following points are suggested that could be shared with parents to help them manage the distance learning.

1. Make sure children have got a space to work and the equipment they need.

Set up a desk or table in a quiet corner where your child can keep their laptop, books or notes. They should find it much easier to focus and the rest of the family can continue life as normal.

2. Set good habits around phone use

Teenagers can spend a lot of time on apps speaking with their friends and social isolation may only increase their desire to communicate online. While some communication will be positive for their mental health, the opposite is true when social media fuels feelings of isolation and anxiety. You will need to set some ground rules for how phones are used during the day and keep an eye on your child's mood.

3. Help them organise their day (and make sure they go outside!)

Without the structure of the school day, and without the engagement of peers, motivation and energy can take a dive. Help your child set up a timetable that will work for them and

covers the subjects that they need or have been set by the school. Divide up periods of study with active breaks. Make sure your child moves, goes outside, eats meals at the appropriate times and has offline conversations.