


Useful links to websites for parents

To help you through the partial school closure period, we have compiled a long list of websites that you may find useful when helping your children learn at home. Please note that these are supplementary to any work set by schools, and are for your convenience only.

Primary and Secondary

A list of resources for parents to access online during the school shutdown.

Links marked with a  are suitable for children with additional needs.

AccessiByte

Apps can be accessed from school or home, on Chromebook, iPad, Mac, Windows or Android Devices. Each app has visual and audible accessibility built right into the browser. We built these apps to support students who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, have reading difficulties or just want something fun and different.

<https://www.accessibyte.com/stay-safe>

Artful Parent

A blog for arts and crafts ideas for parents, offering a free trial to Kids Art Club for 14 days at present.

<https://artfulparent.com/>

Arty Factory

Artyfactory's free art lessons share the knowledge and understanding of art and design to improve your artistic skills and to increase your enjoyment in creating artworks.

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

Audible

Audible is a digital bookstore/library, of audiobooks, and has made hundreds of childrens books free to users whilst schools are closed.

<https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

BBC Bitesize

Bitesize is the BBC's free online study support resource for school-age pupils in the United Kingdom. It is designed to aid pupils in both schoolwork and, for older pupils, exams. Content will be changed daily.

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

BBC Supermovers

A collection of videos designed to get kids moving and just for fun.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06f5381>

BBC Teach

Whether you're at home or at school, you can use BBC Teach for free. The website is home to thousands of free curriculum-mapped videos, arranged by age-group and subject.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons#>

Blue Peter

Access to crafts, ideas and puzzles

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-five-ways-to-try-something-different>

BrainPOP

BrainPop is a group of educational websites with over 1,000 short animated movies for students aged 6-17 yrs old, together with quizzes and related materials, covering the subjects of science, social studies, English, math, engineering and technology, health, and arts and music.

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

Busy Toddler

An Instagram account full of activities, charts and ideas to keep toddlers entertained and busy.

<https://www.instagram.com/busytoddler/>

Carol Vorderman Maths

Access to lessons and resources

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

Classroom Secrets

Maths and Literacy resources.

<https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/>

Do2Learn

Do2Learn offers thousands of free pages with social skills and behavioural regulation activities and guidance.

<https://do2learn.com/>

Duolingo

A free language app that provides courses in more than 30 languages.

<https://www.duolingo.com/course/es/en/Learn-Spanish>

FunBrain

Lots of games to get children learning, suitable for children with additional learning needs.

<https://www.funbrain.com/teachers-and-parents>

GoNoodle

Inspires all kids to be active and mindful with a wide range of videos that appeal to kids of all different ages, interests, skills and abilities. Always free.

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

Google Arts & Culture

Virtual access to over 2500 museums and galleries across the world.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner?hl=en>

Hit the Button

Fun interactive game to practice number bonds, doubles, halves etc.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

IXL

Maths and Literacy Resources

<https://uk.ixl.com/>

Oliver Jeffers

The author will be reading books each night from his website.

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

Khan Academy

Khan Academy offers practice exercises, instructional videos, and a personalized learning dashboard that empower learners to study at their own pace in and outside of the classroom. They have also partnered with institutions like NASA, The Museum of Modern Art, The California Academy of Sciences, and MIT to offer specialized content. Maths oriented.

<https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Literacy Trust

Resources for children from early years to secondary.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/>

Makers Empire

Makers Empire 3D, is a 3D modelling computer program made by Makers Empire. It is designed to introduce 4-13 year old students to Design Thinking and engage them in STEM learning via 3D design and 3D printing. The 3D app is optimized for touch screens but can be used with and without a mouse on all major platforms.

<https://www.makersempire.com/learning-at-home-coronavirus-covid-19-new-resources-teachers-parents/>

Maker Stations

Little projects children can do

Bit.ly/freemakerstations

Mrs Mactivity

Maths activities and advice on home schooling.

<https://www.mrsmactivity.co.uk/how-to-teach-your-child-at-home-during-school-closures/>

Newsround

Keeping children informed about the world and creating opportunities to discuss important events with them.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>

Out School

Access is free for online classes delivered live by teachers across the world.

<https://outschool.com/>

Phonics Play

Access to phonics resources and lessons, made free at present for families during the shutdown.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Practical Biology

A collection of experiments that demonstrate biological concepts and processes.

<https://pbiol.rsb.org.uk/>

Pre School Inspirations

A free website with lots of play recipes, toddler resources and lesson plans to keep little ones busy.

<https://preschoolinspirations.com/>

Primary League Stars

A wide variety of activities, videos and resources to support multiple subjects.

<https://plprimarystars.com/>

Read Theory

Online comprehension activities suited to child's ability.

<https://readtheory.org/welcome/frequentlyAskedQuestions?>

Recycle and Play

Making the best crafts with things around the home.

<https://www.instagram.com/recycleandplay/>

Royal Society of Biology

Links to multiple science resources for primary aged children.

<https://www.rsb.org.uk/education/teaching-resources/primary-schools>

Royal Society of Biology

Links to multiple science resources for primary aged children.

<https://www.rsb.org.uk/education/teaching-resources/secondary-schools>

Ruth Miskin Phonics

Daily lessons for phonics.

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/programmes/phonics/>

Sciber Monkey

A website linking to free science resources for children from 5 yrs old upwards.

<http://www.scibermonkey.org/>

Scouts

Lots of activities that families can do whilst at home

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/>

SirLinkAlot

Award winning spelling app, currently free to support home schooling. Sign up to the mailing list for an access code. Targeted for KS2, but suitable for KS3 and advanced KS1.

<https://www.sirlinalot.org/>

Smiling Mind

Short audio sessions to help with mindfulness for children.

<https://www.smilingmind.com.au/>

STEM.Org

Secondary resources free to families.

<https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/collection/3729/secondary-school-resources>

Storyline Online

The SAG-AFTRA Foundation's award-winning children's literacy website, Storyline Online, streams videos featuring celebrated actors reading children's books alongside creatively produced illustrations.

<https://www.storylineonline.net/library/>

SumDog

Engage pupils with adaptive learning and multi-player games. Aligned with all major curricula for ages 5 to 14, access is currently free.

<https://pages.sumdog.com/>

Tate Kids

Free games and quizzes, art activities and homework help.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>

TED Ed

Browse hundreds of TED-Ed Animations and TED Talks designed to spark your child's curiosity. You'll also find thousands of other video-based lessons organized by age-level and subject.

<https://ed.ted.com/>

The Ed Shed

Maths, Literacy and Spelling web based games.

<https://www.edshed.com/en-gb>

The Kids Should See This

Educational videos for curious kids of all ages, a free resource for parents & teachers. Science, art, nature, animals, & more.

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com/>

Timestables Rockstars

Free access for all during the school shutdown, fun interactive app for learning multiplication.

<https://trockstars.com/>

Top Marks

Interactive maths games and lessons.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

TTS

Maths and Literacy resources.

<https://www.tts-group.co.uk/>

Twinkl

All Twinkl resources are teacher-made and can be used by anyone, anywhere - making learning accessible to all. Twinkl tailor resources to a number of curriculums, including the UK National Curriculums. Currently offering parents free access to resources.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/blog/how-to-utilise-twinkl-during-the-coronavirus-shutdown-a-guide-for-schools>

Tynker

Tynker is an educational programming platform aimed at teaching children how to make games and programs. Instead of typing the source code, you visually drag blocks of code and snap them together. Age 5 plus. Tynker is currently offering free access to courses during the schools shutdown.

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

White Rose Maths

Home learning maths tools for families to use during school shutdown.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/>

World of David Walliams

Free downloadable activities about the wacky and wonderful characters from David Walliams books.

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/activities/>

YouTube Channels

Cosmic Kids Yoga

A YouTube channel with yoga, relaxation and mindfulness for children aged 3 +.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

CrashCourseKids

A science based channel for kids, content added twice a week.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>

Daily PE lessons by The Body Coach

Joe Wicks delivers PE lessons at 9.00am each weekday.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAxW1XT0iEJo0TYIRfn6rYQ>

Kids Learning Tube

Songs, and videos with specific topics, animals, numbers, planets etc.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7EFWpvc1wYuUwrtZ_BLi9A

Science Channel

How to videos, How the Universe works playlists, lots and lots of science experiments and related content.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ScienceChannel>

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