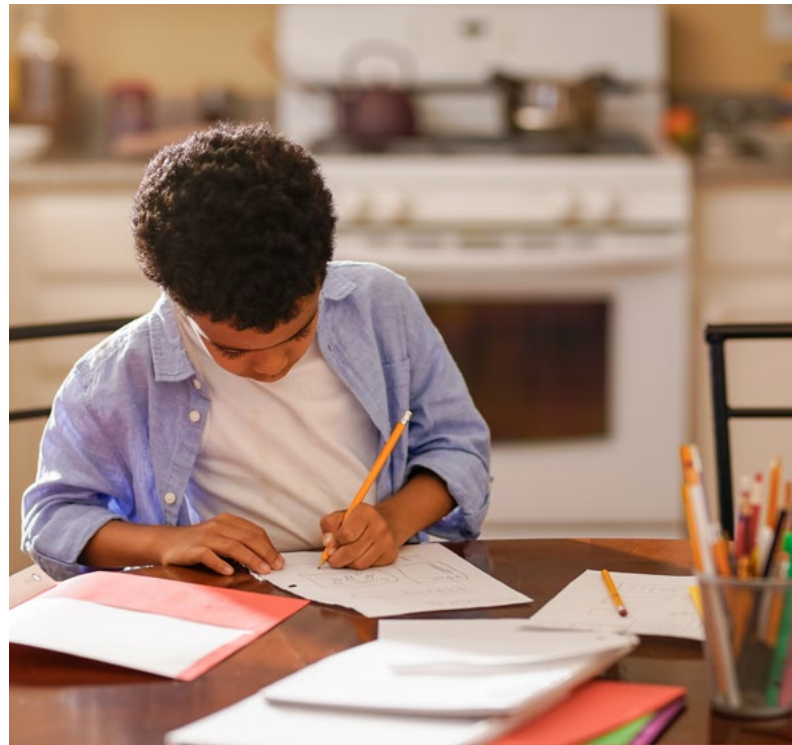


# RESOURCES FOR WORKING PARENTS

## HOME-SCHOOLING CHILDREN DURING COVID-19



## INTRODUCTION

With thanks to Keltbray's Aaron Davis for sharing content, NFDC is able to provide this comprehensive resource to assist parents and carers over the coming weeks with their young people learning at home.

Since the governments closure of UK schools to all children, with the exception of those whose parents are categorised as 'key workers', parents – whether working from home, or temporarily off work due to the COVID-19 crisis – are faced with the task of keeping their children occupied with learning, but may not know where to start.

In addition to limitless learning opportunities that young people can still benefit from during the lockdown, such as taking a walk, going for a run or cycling, baking, drawing or watching educational TV programmes, in conjunction with Keltbray, NFDC highlights a plethora of online resources that will help to keep young people going with their learning remotely.

### STAY SAFE ONLINE:

Ensure children know about internet safety. There is an abundance of resources available to help parents talk to their children about staying safe online, with practical advice on how to implement parental controls and how to be net aware – around the latest online games, networks and apps.

- NSPCC Online Safety:  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>
- Government: Child Safety Online – a practical guide for parents and carers:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-safety-online-a-practical-guide-for-parents-and-carers>

### FREE TRIAL PERIODS:

The majority of resource sites that require subscriptions usually offer a free trial period when you create an account and many are waiving their normal terms at this time. Just remember to cancel your subscription in time if there is an expiry.

Before buying workbooks or downloading resource packs for secondary school/sixth form, it is a good idea if you can, to check which exam boards your school is working with. Nearly all these sites have dedicated SEND and EAL sections.

### INTERNET BROWSERS:

Some of the resource links included may only function using certain internet browsers, eg: Chrome.

## EDUCATIONAL WEBSITES:

### GCSE & A LEVEL:

<https://www.nec.ac.uk/> and <https://www.ucas.com/> for study guides for children studying GCSE and A Level subjects at home.

### BIOLOGY QUIZ SITE:

Dubbed "the ultimate GCSE biology quiz site", it is all about multiple choice with 1500 questions for kids to work their way through.  
<https://lovebiology.co.uk/gcse.php>

### TEACHING IDEAS:

Resource bank up to GCSE  
<https://www.teachingideas.co.uk/>

### FOR ALL AGES:

### HEGARTY MATHS:

Maths Reimagined:  
<https://hegartymaths.com/>

### TES: (all year groups)

Vast on-line resource bank created for teachers  
<https://www.tes.com/>

### IXL:

Personalised learning in maths and English while covering hundreds of different skills for children in reception up to those in year 13.  
<https://uk.ixl.com/>

### MATHLETICS:

Kids from reception to key stage 4 can flex their number skills.  
<https://www.mathletics.com/uk/for-home/free-trial/>

### CGP BOOKS:

Excellent revision books for SATs, GCSE and A Level (despite the cancellation of this year's exams, these books will provide curriculum and age appropriate learning)  
<https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/>

### BARCLAYS LIFE SKILLS:

For 11-24, numerous resources.  
<https://barclayslifeskills.com/educators/>

### BPES:

Inspire your child through the power of STEM. Here, they'll find balloon rocket experiments and learn what happens when sugar dissolves into tea, along with a bunch of other cool experiments for ages 4-19.  
<https://bpes.bp.com/>

### TRUETUBE:

Teaches religious education; personal, social, health and economic education; and citizenship through film. The website also has a dyslexia font option for those who need it.  
<https://truetube.co.uk/>

### LEARN A LANGUAGE – DUOLINGO FREE:

Learn any language online for free. Great for kids - and adults.  
<https://www.duolingo.com/>

## **PRIMARY:**

### **TEACH IT PRIMARY:**

Workbooks for primary school  
<https://www.teachitprimary.co.uk/>

'TeachIt' also sell workbooks for secondary school students, and have separate sites for each subject  
e.g.: <https://www.teachitenglish.co.uk/>

### **TWINKL:**

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer>  
Use code **CVDTWINKLHELPS** when registering, to access all resources for free

### **SCHOLASTIC:**

Day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing:  
<https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>

### **PRIMARY RESOURCES:**

Primary school resources, organised by subject and year group  
<http://www.primaryresources.co.uk/>

### **PHONICS PLAY:**

Improve your little one's reading skills with free access to non-members due to the Coronavirus outbreak.  
<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

### **BIG EYED OWL:**

With everything from songs, craft recipes, and multi-cultural teachings, it is a great resource for 5-7 year-olds.  
<https://www.bigeyedowl.co.uk/>

### **MATHS DICTIONARY:**

630 simplified mathematical terms along with more than 270 free printable maths posters that you can hang up around the house.  
<http://amathsdictionaryforkids.com/>

### **HISTORY:**

A website which makes history fun using Minecraft maps, a video game, and an interactive timeline of events.  
<http://www.fireoflondon.org.uk/>

### **CRICKWEB:**

Conquer crosswords, sort your way through different sounds or ace anatomy with for kids aged 4-11.  
<http://www.crickweb.co.uk/>

### **PBS KIDS:**

Videos and games for younger ones.  
<https://pbskids.org/>

### **ICT GAMES:**

Created by a UK teacher, it offers games for children in years one, two, and three.  
<http://www.ictgames.com/>

### **GET BODY SMART:**

An examination of human anatomy, complete with animated text narrations and quizzes that will leave your child in awe of how the body works.  
<https://www.getbodysmart.com/>

### **POETRY:**

Could your little one be a budding writer? The Poetry Zone has been publishing children's poems since 1998 and accepts submissions all year round.  
<http://poetryzone.co.uk/>

## **UNITE FOR LITERACY:**

Spoken Books

<https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/featured/new/book?BookId=1532>

## **BBC:**

Thousands of free curriculum-mapped videos, arranged by age-group and subject.

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

## **BBC Bitesize:**

Multiple resources for all age groups.

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

## **BBC TEN PIECES:**

BBC's Ten Pieces encourages 7-14 year-olds to get creative with classical music and offers resources for those who are hearing impaired.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces>

## **BBC – CBEEBIES:**

Waffle the Wonder Dog, Peter Rabbit and Mr Tumble are just some of the characters you can learn to paint and create.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/makes>

## **PERLEGO:**

The best books for learning from the best educational publishers.

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

## **SCRATCH:**

Learn basic coding and program stories and games.

<https://scratch.mit.edu/>

## **BLOCKLY GAMES:**

Creative websites for teens to learn computer and coding skills.

<https://blockly.games/>

## **VIRTUAL ARTS & CULTURE:**

While museums and galleries are closed, take a virtual tour here.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/>

<https://wellcomecollection.org/> and

<https://www.vam.ac.uk/> for behind-the-scenes museum videos for older children.

## **NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM:**

Your child may have to stay inside but that doesn't mean they can't get nature savvy.

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part.html>

With the Natural History Museum, they can become Naturenaughts, plus learn how to identify different insects, plants, and fossils.

## **SCIENCE MUSEUM:**

You can always rely on the Science Museum, to spark an interest in learning. And while there's nothing like being there in person, the website is packed full of creative games and activities.

<https://collection.sciencemuseumgroup.org.uk/>

## **TATE:**

You may never have tried soap carving or textile weaving but that doesn't mean your child can't. They can access craft tutorials like this and even submit their artwork to be displayed in the online gallery.

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

## **ARTS & CRAFTS FOR LITTLE ONES:**

<https://artfulparent.com/>

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



**BOOK TRUST:**

With character quizzes, illustration tutorials, and interactive games; make story time fun for the whole family.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

**FUSE SCHOOL:**

Create an account to get free access to the Fuse School for exploring things like pollution, climate change and magnetism.

[https://www.fuseschool.org/users/sign\\_in](https://www.fuseschool.org/users/sign_in)

**SWITCHZOO:**

Animal games and play.

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

**HIGHLIGHT KIDS:**

Activities and tasks.

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

**FABLEVISION:**

Makes learning to draw easy thanks to author and illustrator Peter Reynolds. Simply print out one of the tracing sheets and your child can start practicing straight away.

<http://www.fablevision.com/place/museum/tracingace.html>

**CRAYOLA EDUCATION:**

Whip out the felt tip pens and crayons because it's time to get colourful. There are even some for adults so you can join in the fun too.

<https://www.crayola.com/education>

**DR. SEUSS:**

All things Dr Seuss.

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

**WILDLIFEWATCH:**

Think your child would like to learn how to make a bird feeder? How about a snow globe? they can do all this and more while learning about animals and the environment.

<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/activity-sheets>

**TURTLE DIARY:**

Fun learning for Children.

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

**DK FIND OUT:**

Step outside of the box with this website which lets kids explore subjects as broad as transport, space, dinosaurs, and computer coding assisted by quizzes and videos.

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

**CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY:**

Designed to support children aged 7-11, The Children's University of Manchester teaches history, art and design, languages, science and ancient Egypt.

<https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/>

**STORYLINE:**

Stories online from Emmy winning Actors.

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

**MORE PRIMARY SCHOOL RESOURCES:**

- <https://tpet.co.uk/>
- <https://classroomsecrets.co.uk/>
- <https://www.khanacademy.org/>  
- An American site but has some excellent home-schooling resources
- <http://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/>

## EDUCATIONAL PODCASTS:

<https://scienceadventurestoriesforkids.podbean.com/>

Learn fascinating facts about animals and more with Simon the Frog.

<https://www.npr.org/podcasts/510321/wow-in-the-world?t=1584437993209>

World Science and technology made irresistible to kids.

<https://www.timeout.com/new-york-kids/things-to-do/best-podcasts-for-kids-of-all-ages>

A great selection for all the family.

## FOR FE LEARNERS:

<https://set.et-foundation.co.uk/professionalism/the-society-for-education-and-training-podcast/sets-top-10-suggested-education-podcasts/>

<https://collegeinfo geek.com/best-podcasts/>

## EDUCATIONAL APPS:

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

Reading, gamified, for kids who are still learning to read.

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

Maths practice personalised for each child. Suitable for primary-level kids.

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/marcopolo-world-school/id1193662404>

With topics ranging from STEM to art, this will keep kids aged 3-7 stimulated.

<https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/kids-planet-discovery/id533055109>

Take a virtual adventure around the world, with puzzles and games incorporated.

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

Educational games for Children.

## EDUCATIONAL YOUTUBE:

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

Fun educational videos on history, science and more.

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

Complex maths made simple. For older children.

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

Ted talks for kids.

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

Seek out engaging science videos.

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

STEM learning.

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

All things Science.

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

The natural world.