

Suggestions of useful information:

This is likely to be a stressful time for families. Do not feel under pressure to do any work at home. It is important to have confidence to find out what works best for your own family circumstances. Some people may need flexibility, some people may need a more structured routine.

You know your children best. If you want some extra resources, some of these may be of help:

Educational sites:

Interactive and practical home learning resources that are designed to be used by children. These include interactive games, video tutorials and downloadable home learning packs

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

Twinkl – Sheffield company providing lots of printable resources – they're offering a free month trial

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

Busythings – Online educational games – can sign up for free trial

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

Priory Woods – some songs, videos, counting activities

<http://www.priorywoods.middlesbrough.sch.uk/page/?title=Resources&pid=3>

Phonics and literacy

<http://www.phonicsplaycomics.co.uk/>

You Tube sites:

Cosmic Kids Yoga – lots of yoga routines, some quite complicated, but there are also guided relaxation videos

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

Singing Hands – lots of great Makaton signed songs

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

Craft and sensory activities

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

<https://www.learning4kids.net/list-of-sensory-play-ideas/>

<https://theimaginationtree.com/>

<https://www.readingrockets.org/article/multisensory-learning-home-tips-parents>

Social Media: Not everyone likes social media, but there are some very helpful activities posted. Some people might be very useful to have a Twitter or Facebook account at the moment to feel less isolated and to find further online support

For example:



This Twitter account is going to be posting sensory story videos which you could watch at home using household props.

<https://twitter.com/MapsCherry>



<https://worldbook.kitaboo.com/reader/worldbook/index.html#!/>

Communication Support:

Widgit – This is the Communicate in Print software we use a lot in school. They are offering a free trial.

<https://widgitonline.com/>

Visual Timetables – These can be low tech and drawn or written on paper. If you prefer, there are lots of apps which can help you write timetables. Some are free or offer free trials, for example:

<https://mypicturepath.com/>

Local Support:

Sheffield Parent Carer Forum – St Mary's Bramall Lane S2 4QZ 0300 321 4721

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

Sparkle – in process of making new website, contactable on twitter or facebook



Mencap – Park Grange Road S2 3QF 0114 276 7757

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

Non-screen activities you can do at home

Pobble

25 ideas!

What can you do when there's no school and you're stuck at home? Here are 25 fun ideas to choose from.

1 How many different words can you make from the letters in this sentence, below? Grab a pencil and paper and write a list!

'Learning from home is fun'

2 Thank a community hero. Think of someone that helps you in some way and write a short letter to thank them.

Thanks!

3 Get building! You could build a Lego model, a tower of playing cards or something else!



4 Can you create your own secret code? You could use letters, numbers, pictures or something else! Can you get someone else to try and crack it?

5 Start a nature diary. Look out of the window each day and keep note of what you see. Birds, flowers, changes in the weather, what else?

6 Hold a photo session. Use a camera or a mobile phone to take some snaps. What will you photograph? Your pets or toys perhaps?

7 Build a reading den. Find somewhere cosy, snuggle up and read your favourite book!



8 Use an old sock to create a puppet. Can you put on a puppet show for someone?



9 Make a list of all the electrical items in each room of your home. Can you come up with any ideas to use less electricity?

10 Design and make a homemade board game and play it with your family.



11 Do something kind for someone. Can you pay them a compliment, make them something or help them with a task?



12 Can you create a story bag? Find a bag and collect items to go in it that relate to a well known story. If you can't find an item, you could draw a picture to include.

13 List making! Write a list of things that make you happy, things you're grateful for or things you are good at.



14 Design and make an obstacle course at home or in the garden. How fast can you complete it?



15 Can you invent something new? Perhaps a gadget or something to help people? Draw a picture or write a description.



16 Keep moving! Make up a dance routine to your favourite song.



17 Write a play script. Can you act it out to other people?



18 Read out loud to someone. Remember to read with expression.



19 Write a song or rap about your favourite subject.



20 Get sketching! Find a photograph or picture of a person, place or object and sketch it.



21 Junk modelling! Collect and recycle materials such as yoghurt pots, toilet rolls and boxes and see what you can create with them.

22 Draw a map of your local area and highlight interesting landmarks.



23 Write a postcard to your teacher. Can you tell them what you like most about their class?

24 Draw a view. Look out of your window and draw what you see.



25 Get reading! What would you most like to learn about? Can you find out more about it in books? Can you find a new hobby?

