



# South West Herts Partnership Educational Resources & Activities for Children to do at Home

We understand many schools will be setting their own learning. However, the following may help those affected by schools closures due to Coronavirus which has been complied by home educators:

| ORGANISATION             | EXPLANATION  | OPERATIONS ADVICE   | CONTACT INFO/WEB LINKS  |
|--------------------------|--|---|---|
| Khan Academy             | Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at secondary school levels   | Note this uses the U.S. grade system but its mostly common material | <a href="https://www.khanacademy.org">https://www.khanacademy.org</a>   |
| BBC Learning             | This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV license required except for content on BBC iPlayer  |   | <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/">http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/</a>         |
| Futurelearn              | Free to access 100s of courses, only pay to upgrade if you need a certificate in your name (own account from age 14+ but younger learners can use a parent account)                            |   | <a href="https://www.futurelearn.com">https://www.futurelearn.com</a>   |
| Seneca                   | For those revising at GCSE or A level. Tons of free revision content. Paid access to higher level material   |   | <a href="https://www.senecalearning.com">https://www.senecalearning.com</a>                                   |
| Openlearn                | Free taster courses aimed at those considering Open University but everyone can access it. Adult level, but some e.g. nature and environment courses could well be of interest to young people |   | <a href="https://www.open.edu/openlearn/">https://www.open.edu/openlearn/</a>                                 |
| Blockly                  | Learn computer programming skills - fun and free   |   | <a href="https://blockly.games">https://blockly.games</a>   |
| Scratch                  | Creative computer programming  |   | <a href="https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/">https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/</a> |
| Ted Ed                   | All sorts of engaging educational videos   |   | <a href="https://ed.ted.com">https://ed.ted.com</a>   |
| National Geographic Kids | Activities and quizzes for younger kids  |   | <a href="https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/">https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/</a>                                   |



# South West Herts Partnership Educational Resources & Activities cont/d...

| ORGANISATION             | EXPLANATION  | OPERATIONS ADVICE | CONTACT INFO/WEB LINKS  |
|--------------------------|--|-------------------|---|
| The maths factor         | Usually £2 a week, now free for 4-11yrs until schools open   |                   | <a href="https://www.themathsfactor.com/">https://www.themathsfactor.com/</a>   |
| Duolingo                 | Learn languages for free web or app  |                   | <a href="https://www.duolingo.com">https://www.duolingo.com</a>   |
| Mystery Science          | Free Science lessons   |                   | <a href="https://mysteryscience.com">https://mysteryscience.com</a>   |
| The Kids Should See This | Wide range of cool educational videos  |                   | <a href="https://thekidshouldseethis.com">https://thekidshouldseethis.com</a>   |
| Crash Course             | You Tube videos on many subjects   |                   | <a href="https://thecrashcourse.com">https://thecrashcourse.com</a>   |
| Crash Course Kids        | As above for a younger audience  |                   | <a href="https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids">https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids</a>   |
| Crest Awards             | Science awards you can complete from home  |                   | <a href="https://www.crestawards.org">https://www.crestawards.org</a>   |
| iDEA Awards              | Digital enterprise award scheme you can complete online  |                   | <a href="https://idea.org.uk">https://idea.org.uk</a>   |
| Paw Print Badges         | Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional |                   | <a href="https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk">https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk</a>   |
| Tinkercad                | All kinds of making  |                   | <a href="https://www.tinkercad.com">https://www.tinkercad.com</a>   |
| Prodigy Maths            | Is in U.S. grades, but good for UK Primary age   |                   | <a href="https://www.prodigygame.com">https://www.prodigygame.com</a>   |
| Cbeebies Radio           | Listening activities for the younger ones  |                   | <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio">https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio</a>   |
| Nature Detectives        | A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!                           |                   | <a href="https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/">https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/</a> |
| Oxford Owl for Home      | Free ebook library   |                   | <a href="https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/">https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/</a>   |
| Big History Project      | Aimed at secondary age multi –disciplinary activities  |                   | <a href="https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home">https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home</a>   |
| Geography Games          | Geography gaming!  |                   | <a href="https://world-geography-games.com/world.html">https://world-geography-games.com/world.html</a>                                       |
| Blue Peter Badges        | If you have a stamp and a nearby post box  |                   | <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges">https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges</a>             |

# South West Herts Partnership Educational Resources Cont/d...

| ORGANISATION                | EXPLANATION  | OPERATIONS ADVICE | CONTACT INFO/WEB LINKS  |
|-----------------------------|--|-------------------|---|
| The Artful Parent           | Good, free art activities  |                   | <a href="https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/">https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/</a>   |
| Red Ted Art                 | Easy arts and crafts for little ones   |                   | <a href="https://www.redtedart.com">https://www.redtedart.com</a>   |
| The Imagination Tree        | Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest  |                   | <a href="https://theimaginationtree.com">https://theimaginationtree.com</a>   |
| Toy Theater                 | Educational online games   |                   | <a href="https://toytheater.com/">https://toytheater.com/</a>   |
| DK Find Out                 | Activities and quizzes   |                   | <a href="https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSeITf4do6aPhff8A3tAktnmpaxqZbkgudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac">https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSeITf4do6aPhff8A3tAktnmpaxqZbkgudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac</a> |
| Twinkl                      | This is more for printouts, and usually at a fee, but they are offering a month of free access to parents in the event of school closures.   |                   | <a href="https://www.twinkl.co.uk">https://www.twinkl.co.uk</a>   |
| Virtual tours               | Virtual tours of some of the world's best museums  |                   | <a href="https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours">https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours</a>                   |
| The World of David Walliams | Every day at 11am, you can listen to one of David Walliams stories.  |                   | <a href="https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/">https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/</a>   |
| Your THERAPY source         | Free activities, hand-outs and information sheets  |                   | <a href="https://www.yourtherapysource.com/freestuff.html">https://www.yourtherapysource.com/freestuff.html</a>   |
| Spread the Happiness        | 100 things to do indoors - Free activity sheet   |                   | <a href="https://www.spreadthehappiness.co.uk/">https://www.spreadthehappiness.co.uk/</a>   |
| audible                     | Free audiobooks to click, stream and listen to   |                   | <a href="https://stories.audible.com/start-listen">https://stories.audible.com/start-listen</a>   |
| Kiddy Charts                | Free worksheet from Long Creations for Covid-19 time capsule.  |                   | <a href="https://www.kiddycharts.com/assets/2020/04/Covid-19time-capsule.pdf">https://www.kiddycharts.com/assets/2020/04/Covid-19time-capsule.pdf</a>   |
| BBC Bitesize                | Famous faces join teachers delivering lockdown lessons as BBC launches biggest education offering in its history. You'll find daily lessons for homeschooling in Maths and English for every year group, as well as regular lessons in Science, History, Geography and more. |                   | <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons</a>   |

## 100 Things to do indoors

[www.spreadthehappiness.co.uk](http://www.spreadthehappiness.co.uk)



1. Make non-cook playdough, then have a Dough Disco
2. Paint our families' portrait
3. Write and make a book
4. Draw flowers or the fruit bowl
5. Learn some laughter yoga [www.roberttrivest.com](http://www.roberttrivest.com)
6. Finger paint
7. Make a band from kitchen pots and pans
8. Footprint paint
9. Have a dance alarm every 30 minutes
10. Have a karaoke
11. Send a video message to family and friends to get them busy
12. Have a birthday party for a pet or cuddly toy
13. Have an indoor picnic
14. Discover your favourite story and share it together
15. Order books alphabetically
16. Have an indoor treasure hunt
17. Dress up in adult shoes
18. Find a fairy door in your house or garden
19. Do the Hokey Cokey
20. Take a selfie through a toilet roll tube and pretend you are on the moon



21. Make cards for everyone at home
22. Get some sheets to flap and pretend they are the waves and jump in
23. Make cakes
24. Get material or cardboard and make mermaid or merman's tails
25. Get all the chairs together and make a bus, play conductors and drivers
26. Make a camp in your bed
27. Make a dark den and use a torch
28. Write a letter to a neighbour or friend
29. Colour in a colouring book or draw a picture
30. Make wool or string hair over a chair
31. Have a pamper day
32. Have a scrunched up paper fight (from recycling)
33. Make ice lollies with cordial and water
34. Make sandwiches in strange shapes
35. Make a pretend car from boxes/furniture
36. Learn a rhyme or poem
37. Make paper aeroplanes
38. Have a pirate adventure, make boats from boxes or furniture
39. Blow bubbles and catch them
40. Make a number frieze for the wall, decorate
41. Read Pirate George series available on Kindle
42. Make a papier mache sculpture over a balloon
43. Keep a balloon up in the air game
44. Play a board game
45. Play hide and seek
46. Play dominoes
47. Learn a card game
48. Make smoothies
49. Perform a puppet show
50. Make shadow puppets
51. Make finger/sock puppets
52. Choreograph a dance or learn a dance routine
53. Have an upside down meals day, lunch for breakfast etc.
54. Learn a sing-along for Spread the Happiness TV
55. Learn to cook something new
56. Learn Brilliant Beast Song on Spread the Happiness TV YouTube Channel
57. Leave happy notes all around the house
58. Make a fitness routine and put your family through their paces
59. Using vegetables, make characters
60. Dance and sing to Knees up Mother Brown



61. Play I spy
62. Open your windows and sing out a song
63. Learn Days of the Week Song
64. Play musical statues
65. Learn a Beatles song
66. Learn a Queen song
67. Make an indoor restaurant and serve your family
68. Have a toy's tea party
69. Roll balls down the stairs
70. Be superheroes with capes
71. Eat cereal with a gigantic spoon
72. Have an ice cream party
73. Enter an online competition to win a prize
74. Vacuum your home
75. Polish your home
76. Fold up sheets
77. Use a sheet as a parachute to fluff up and hide under and play parachute games
78. Make binoculars with toilet rolls and look out the window at the birds
79. Make yoghurt pot telephones
80. Make a junk model rocket as large as you can
81. Create a comedy show
82. Pretend to conduct an orchestra to music
83. Hike up your stairs like it is a mountain, so so high
84. Roll around a large space in your home
85. Hop around like a bunny
86. Learn to play sleeping bunnies
87. Learn and act out 5 Little Monkeys
88. Find as many collections of 10 things in your home as you can
89. Dance in the shower
90. Sing in the shower
91. Squirt shaving foam in your hands
92. Make a scrap book of your favourite things, people
93. Play Jack in the Box in a large cardboard box
94. Have a themed party
95. Stay up late to look at the stars with a night time picnic
96. Play apple bobbing
97. Jump on the bed
98. Bash a pinata
99. Do coin rubbing with paper and crayons
100. Play pass the parcel

[www.spreadthehappiness.co.uk](http://www.spreadthehappiness.co.uk)

## Today, I have done something for:

### MY BRAIN

Read a Book, Play a Math Game, Write a Story, Study the World Map

### MY BODY

Yoga, Dance, Sit Ups, Push Ups, Wall Sits!

### MY HOME

Clean Up, Scrub Something, Create Something, Put Away Laundry

### MY CREATIVITY

Draw, Paint, Build, Cook, Sketch, Make a Play, Sing a Song, Play an Instrument

### MY EARTH

Water Plants, Pick Up Litter,

Observe Nature

### MY FAMILY OR FRIENDS

Make a Gift, Write a Letter, Do a Good Deed, Make a Phone Call, Help with Something



### BASIC GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Why not introduce a daily general knowledge quiz around the dining table. You can take turns to be quiz master.

Include simple facts:

- Capital cities around world
- Rivers, mountains in the UK
- Famous people in history
- Flags from around the world
- Trees and plants

## 25 THINGS TEENAGERS CAN DO DURING SOCIAL ISOLATION

@hilaryrhodesdesign

|   |  |   |  |  |
|---|--|---|--|--|
| LEARN TO PLAY A NEW INSTRUMENT (YOUTUBE!)           | WRITE A POEM OR A STORY                | TRY A YOUTUBE DRAWING TUTORIAL          | SWAP BOOK SUGGESTIONS                          | WRITE & MAIL A LETTER TO A GRANDPARENT               |
| GET SOME FRIENDS VIRTUALLY TOGETHER TO PLAY "PSYCH" | BAKE SOMETHING NEW                     | WRITE A SONG                            | TEACH A FAMILY MEMBER TO DO SOMETHING YOU LOVE | MAKE SOMETHING CREATIVE (THAT YOU NEVER SHOW ANYONE) |
| GO ON A WALK (OR RUN) AROUND THE BLOCK              | VIDEO GAME TOURNAMENT WITH YOUR FAMILY | HAVE A "CHOPPED" COMPETITION FOR DINNER | CREATE A NEW MUSIC PLAYLIST                    | YOUTUBE YOGA OR MEDITATION                           |
| JOURNAL YOUR CORONAVIRUS EXPERIENCE                 | REARRANGE YOUR ROOM                    | WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR FUTURE SELF      | FIND A BOOK ON THE LIBBY APP TO LISTEN TO      | WRITE A BUCKET LIST                                  |
| DO A JIGSAW OR LOGIC PUZZLE                         | LISTEN TO A NEW PODCAST                | OFFER TO MAKE DINNER FOR THE FAMILY     | TAKE AN ENNEAGRAM TEST                         | INVENT A NEW GAME                                    |