

Educating pupils at home – Resources for Families

The below links are sites that have been set up with links to resources ideas, solutions, plans and support.

<http://homelearninguk.com>

<http://www.amazingeducationalresources.com/>

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/135609/list-of-education-companies-offering-free-subscriptions/>

The sites can be quite overwhelming, so think carefully about what you are looking for to make it easier to search. You should be cautious about trying something wholly new.

Resources for pupils

1. [Learning by Questions](#) offers 60,000 questions, allowing pupils to deepen their knowledge, freeing up what limited time teachers have...
2. [Me Power](#) provides more than 100 practical tactics and tips to improve examination performance.
3. KAZ-Type is a [typing software that is differentiated](#) in order to be accessible to both mainstream students and those with special educational needs.
4. [Gojimo.com](#) has GCSE quizzes that relate to different specifications and are set up and ready to go.
5. [Socrative.com](#) allows teachers to create simple quizzes that students can take quickly.
6. [Quizlet.com/live](#) can be used to create keyword flashcards online and give out to students.
7. Another great app for creating timed quizzes is [Kahoot.com](#) for added competition for keywords or ideas.
8. [Memrise.com](#) is a useful app for all languages and uses videos to help learners.
9. Tableau Public is a great platform to connect to a spreadsheet and create [interactive visuals](#).
10. Looking for visual thinking? Try [bubbl.us](#), to help students better understand, remember and generate new ideas.
11. [Revisionbuddies.com](#) can provide short bursts of revision for many GCSE topics and tracks progress too. It even allows the pupils to access past papers and mark schemes.
12. [Goconqr.com](#) allows pupils or teachers to create mind maps and flashcards using key terms.
13. [Wordflex.com](#) app uses a dictionary with a focus on key terms and a content-rich curriculum.
14. Introduce creativity into your English classes – try [Young Writers](#).
15. Exam season can be stressful for pupils and mindfulness can be a way to combat this and improve grades overall. [Keltymentalhealth.ca/breathr](#) helps pupils focus and relax can be a useful tool for achieving top grades.

16. [Poll Everywhere](#) is a vital tool to gain feedback; ideal for voting and gathering data online.
17. [Brainpop](#) has a great set of videos, freely available for pupils.
18. Choose a video, give it your magic touch and track your students' comprehension. Try [EduPuzzle](#).
19. Make beautiful boards, documents, and webpages that are easy to read and fun to contribute to. Try [Padlet](#).
20. [Seneca Learning](#) offers many online courses for pupils.
21. There are loads of online resources pupils and parents can use. [Safer Internet Day](#) is all-year-round in my opinion.
22. [Young Money](#) supports teachers to develop and deliver high-quality financial education...
23. [Super Movers](#) is an initiative from the BBC and Premier League and is designed to help primary school teachers inspire children to become more active throughout their school day.
24. [Unio](#) creates lesson plans, content and provides feedback and evaluation tools.
25. Finally, it's been around for a while and just as good, [BBC Bitesize](#) resources and videos.

A non-exhaustive list that might help those affected by school closures due to coronavirus, compiled by home educators.

- Khan Academy
<https://www.khanacademy.org>
Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.
- BBC Learning
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>
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 licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.
- Futurelearn
<https://www.futurelearn.com>
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).
- Seneca
<https://www.senecalearning.com>
For those revising at GCSE or A level. Tons of free revision content. Paid access to higher level material.
- Openlearn
<https://www.open.edu/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.

- Blockly
<https://blockly.games>
Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.
- Scratch
<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/>
Creative computer programming
- Ted Ed
<https://ed.ted.com>
All sorts of engaging educational videos
- National Geographic Kids
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>
Activities and quizzes for younger kids.
- Duolingo
<https://www.duolingo.com>
Learn languages for free. Web or app.
- Mystery Science
<https://mysteryscience.com>
Free science lessons
- The Kids Should See This
<https://thekidshouldseethis.com>
Wide range of cool educational videos
- 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
- Crest Awards
<https://www.crestawards.org>
Science awards you can complete from home.
- iDEA Awards
<https://idea.org.uk>
Digital enterprise award scheme you can complete online.
- 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.

- Tinkercad
<https://www.tinkercad.com>
All kinds of making.
- Prodigy Maths
<https://www.prodigygame.com>
Is in U.S. grades, but good for UK Primary age.
- Cbeebies Radio
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>
Listening activities for the younger ones.
- 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!
- British Council
<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find>
Resources for English language learning
- Oxford Owl for Home
<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>
Lots of free resources for Primary age
- Big History Project
<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home>
Aimed at Secondary age. Multi disciplinary activities.
- Geography Games
<https://world-geography-games.com/world.html>
Geography gaming!
- Blue Peter Badges
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>
If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.
- 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.

- Toy Theater
<https://toytheater.com/>
Educational online games
- DK Find Out
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSeITf4do6aPhff8A3tAktNmpaxqZbkgudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac>
Activities and quizzes
- Twinkl
<https://www.twinkl.co.uk>
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.

Resources recommended by schools

Bedrock Vocabulary - evidence-based and fun online learning sites. Bedrock is suitable for all Key Stages. [Bedrock is FREE for all schools that are closed!](#)

English teachers - Litdrive account. <https://litdrive.org.uk/> -useful resources on there including work booklets that students can complete at home.

Here are a few more resources for EYFS to share with families/schools suitable for EYFS

- Early Education
<https://www.early-education.org.uk/download-free-resources>
- Muddy Puddle Teacher
<https://themuddypuddleteacher.co.uk/>
- Nature Detectives
<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/activities/>

Examples of school websites with resource packs etc

<https://www.st-lukesislington.co.uk/remote-learning/>