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Dear Parents/Carers,

Following the announcements from Boris Johnson yesterday we have had to think about how we can support families who are currently in self-isolation. I have attached to this letter a list of ideas for pupils to complete for home learning.

We continue to work closely with Havering Council, Public Health England and the Department for Education and we will continue to keep you informed of updates. This is an unprecedented situation and we will do all we can to keep you informed as the situation develops. Thank you for helping us to look after everyone in the school community and for understanding the unique challenges we are facing.

Thanks to all staff, pupils, parents, and carers for supporting us in this difficult, worrying and confusing time for us all.

Yours sincerely,

*H McClenaghan*

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## Suggested At Home Learning Activities for self isolation

### EYFS

Many of these activities should be able to do be done at home without needing to buy any resources. This is not a tick list for you to work down, choose your favourites and do them as many times as you like - repeating them is good!!

#### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Massage – pretend to make a cake or build a pizza on your partner’s back
- Share stories – retell and act them out
- Make bread together
- Chop the vegetables for dinner together
- Give your children responsibility to help with household chores – spray the window cleaner and clean the window is a favourite
- Look at Cosmic Kids Yoga on YouTube and join in together
- Sharing a family meal and talk about your day

#### Physical development

- Threading pasta on to wool or string
- Water play in the bath – scooping, pouring and measuring
- Design a treasure hunt around the house
- Junk modelling
- Make playdough together (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jv73CEzY1jg>)
- Musical movement games similar to musical statues
- Lego and block play – plan to build something and then see if you can follow your plan
- Make sensory play – shaving foam, jelly, soap
- Painting with water in the garden
- Building dens with tunnels and blankets
- Watch episodes of ‘Come outside’

#### Communication and Language

- Story telling with home made puppets (old socks, lolly sticks, straws)
- Singing nursery rhymes and action songs (twinkle twinkle, wind the bobbin up, 5 little monkeys)
- Make music with saucepans and pots
- Paly guessing games (Think of an animal – help your child by modelling how to give clues to guess the animal)
- Play board games
- Learn to sign Makaton with Mr tumble

#### Maths

- Pairing socks
- Playing snakes and ladders
- Add numbers to pegs help your child to order them
- Measure ingredients help make dinner
- Sing number songs (5 currant buns, 12345 once I caught a fish alive etc)
- Sorting toys by colour or shape
- Sorting coins
- Build train tracks in different shapes
- Build towers from blocks, how many blocks did you use? Can you use the same blocks to build a different tower?

### Literacy

- Share story books and share what's happening on each page
- Play lotto games matching pictures
- Hide an object in a mystery bag and give clues to what might be inside
- Tap out syllables to break up your name using hands or musical instruments
- Practise writing your name

### Understanding the world

- Blowing bubbles
- Making bread or pizza
- Read
- Information books
- Hunt for bugs in the garden
- Use 'nature detectives' for lots of exciting activities to do at home <https://nature.detectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetectives/>
- Planting seeds such as cress as watch them grow
- Look at science experiments for early years <https://www.firstdiscoverers.co.uk/early-years-science-activities-eyfs/>
- Observe the weather each day and make a chart
- Make a family tree who is in your family
- Freeze small toys in ice and work out how to get them out
- Make a rainbow of skittles sweets around the edge of a small plate add warm water and watch the rainbow appear
- Feed the birds in the garden and keep a tally of birds that visit your garden

### Expressive Arts and design

- Dancing to music using scarves
- Sing familiar songs and make up your own words to nursery rhyme tunes
- Make shakers with pasta or rice in pots
- Make your own paint with shaving foam or coloured ice
- Make props for your favourite story and act it out together

**These activities are fun for pupils of any age not restricted to EYFS!**

## **KS1 Years 1 and 2**

- Quick Write- if you were king or queen what would you do?
- Purple Mash - Children have their own logins
- Design your own kingdom- what would your palace/crown look like?
- Draw a self-portrait of yourself as a king or queen
- Read a biography of a king or queen
- Make a book
- Play board games and card games with your family
- Research your family tree
- Write a diary of your time at home, include the weather, what you ate and what activities you did
- Practice phonics
- This is your life book
- Write letters to friends
- Practice Maths including times tables rockstars and mymaths
- Pobble 365
- Tales Toolkit stories
- Talk to your family about the toys and games they used to play when they were younger
- Practise your handwriting

- Read some new books
- Cutting and sticking activities - make a collage
- Make models out of junk
- Go on a bug hunt
- Remember to get out in the outdoors.
- Do chores for your family

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KEEP YOUR CHILD BUSY!**

### **KS2 Years 3, 4, 5 and 6**

- Complete activities in your CGP books
- Complete Ocean Maths activities
- Spellings
- Purple Mash - Children have their own logins
- Quickwrite via Pobble
- Write letters to friends/older people in the community
- Google quizzes
- Make your own board game
- Create your own podcast
- Create a music video
- Write a paragraph describing the following Science experiment-which cleans each room more effectively? A mop, a broom or a vacuum? Explain your answer for each room.
- Write a diary of your time at home, include the weather, what you ate and what activities you did
- Learn about your upcoming topics-do some independent research
- Remember to get out in the outdoors.
- Do chores for your family
- Practise your handwriting, copy texts in your best handwriting
- Create fact files on a topic of your choice
- Create recipes and make them
- Create a wordsearch
- Play board games
- Play card games
- Create sketches of objects in your home
- Remember to get out in the outdoors.
- Do chores for your family
- Practise your handwriting

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## Suggested Websites to use

**Fisher Price Play :** <https://play.fisher-price.com/>

Games to practise alphabet, numbers and shapes. More suitable for EYFS

**Shaun's Game Academy:** <https://www.shaunsgameacademy.co.uk/>

Shaun the sheep website which teaches children how to make online games. Suitable for whole school

**Cbeebies Games:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/games>

A variety of educational games. More suitable for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

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

Website full of educational resources. A month's free access will be given if school's are closed, A code will be sent out if this happens.

**Code:** UKTWINKLHELPS

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/eyfs-school-closure-interactive-learning-links-t-tp-2549368>

**Oxford owl:** <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/>

Website with lots of educational games. Suitable for all.

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

Website with lots of educational games. Suitable for all.

**Reading Eggs:** <https://readingeggs.co.uk/>

Register for a free trial and get 2 weeks free access to reading resources. Suitable for all.

**Nasa Kids club:** <https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub>

Children's website about all things space. Suitable for all.

**Education Quizzes:** <https://www.educationquizzes.com/>

Education quizzes on different subjects. Suitable for all.

**Year 6 practice tests:** <https://www.satstestsonline.co.uk/>

Practice tests for Year 6 children.

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

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

<https://abcdoes.com/home-learning/>

<https://www.mrmcmakingmemories.com/literacy-resources>

<https://www.mrmcmakingmemories.com/reading-resources>



