

Helping children with SEND continue their education

SEND Home Learning

Staying at home can be more disruptive sometimes to the lives and routines of children with special educational needs and disabilities.

No one expects parents to act as teachers or childcare providers, or to provide the same activities and feedback that schools and nurseries would do. Parents and carers should be encouraged to do their best to help and support their children with their learning whilst they are at home.

Schools should be providing children with work and giving them feedback in a format that meets their needs—parents should be encouraged to contact the school if they have any questions.

The DfE has been working with a range of organisations to create extra resources to help and we have included a range of these for SENCos, teachers and schools to use to support your provision at this difficult time.

SEND Apps and Games

Brain Parade

Website: <http://www.brainparade.com/products/see-touch-learn-free/>

Description: a visual instruction app, including flash cards and picture-choosing games, for children with autism and special needs.

HelpKidzLearn

Website: <https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/>

Description: a collection of games and resources designed for a range of educational needs and stages. It includes provision for school closure.

Sensory App House Ltd

Website: <https://www.sensoryapphouse.com/>

Description: a range of apps are available for pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) or Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD). All are interactive and many do not require significant coordination abilities.

Visuals2Go

Website: <https://www.visuals2go.com/>

Description: an all-in-one app created to support people with communication and learning difficul-



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SEND Resources for Teachers

Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families

Website: <https://www.annafreud.org/media/11160/supporting-schools-and-colleges.pdf>

Description: a downloadable guide to supporting the mental health and wellbeing of pupils and students during periods of disruption.

Inclusive Teach

Website: <https://inclusiveteach.com/free-printable-sen-teaching-resources/>

Description: downloadable teaching resources to support pupils with SEND.

Priory Woods School

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

Description: resources from an award-winning, innovative school, rated by Ofsted as outstanding and put together by SEND teachers. The resources include apps and programmes.

SENict Activities

Website: <https://www.ianbean.co.uk/senict-members-resource-portal>

Description: downloadable activities aimed particularly at Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) and Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD) learners.

SEN Teacher

Website: <https://www.senteacher.org/>

Description: downloadable resources that can be adapted to suit the needs of pupils. Resources are aimed at a range of abilities.

Speech and Language Kids

Website: <https://www.speechandlanguagekids.com/free-speech-language-resources/>

Description: a range of education and therapy resources for speech and language problems. A podcast is also available on iTunes for verbal and non-verbal children.

Teaching Students with Visual Impairments

Website: <https://www.teachingvisuallyimpaired.com/>

Description: a range of downloadable resources to support blind and visually impaired pupils.

The BBC has launched a page of resources to support children with SEND, and their families during lockdown.

Resources can be accessed through their Bitesize pages at:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zh9v382>

Activities and learning



Bring the Noise: SEND music activities

A series of music activities, from delivering a story with songs to encouraging children to explore music using objects and sensory materials.



Top tips to support your child's reading at home

Language development expert, Tara Parker, suggests some top tips to help you make the most of your child's reading time.



Bring the Noise: Introductory music lessons

A set of introductory music lessons for use with young disabled learners or those with additional support needs.



CBeebies: Makaton with Justin and Mr Tumble

Using a sign language called Makaton, Justin and Mr Tumble help children learn how to communicate and develop language skills.



CBeebies: Magic Hands – BSL poetry

Ashley, Donna, Aimee and Simon translate poetry with British Sign Language. Watch poems and join in with the theme song.



CBeebies: Dyspraxia – How Tree Fu Tom can help

Help your child develop foundation motor skills with Tree Fu Tom's magic spell sequences developed to support children with movement disorders.



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JENSORY

Jen Steptoe has launched a YouTube Channel and Instagram page with activities, ideas and resources especially designed to support SEND children in a sensory way. Jen has over 10 years experience and has a passion for everything sensory and musical. She includes activities for children and parents to get involved in and includes “Messy Mondays” and “WOW Wednesdays”.

You can access her activities at the below links:



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvzmFMTrgauEaERHI8p6PMw/featured>



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