

## Online Resources for Home Schooling

Here we have gathered together websites which will help with home schooling children and keeping them interested during the period of self-isolation and social distancing.

### **Lessons, guides and activities for school age children**

These sites provide materials which are either linked to Key Stages of the National Curriculum or have age and topic specific content.



#### **BBC Bitesize**

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

BBC Bitesize helps with homework, revision and learning. Find free videos, step-by-step guides, activities and quizzes by level and subject.

Beginning Monday 20 April, BBC Bitesize will publish daily online lessons for all ages.



#### **BBC Teach**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach>

The BBC Teach website is home to thousands of free curriculum-mapped videos, arranged by age-group and subject.

The site also includes links to a host of learning-related websites.



#### **The Literacy Trust's Family Zone**

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

This web portal has ideas and guidance for simple activities that will engage your children at home, while also benefiting their reading, writing and language development. The activities are split up by age group.



### **Khan Academy**

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Khan Academy is a US-based site and although it is structured around the American school system it has a large amount of content that crosses over with the UK National Curriculum.

All the content is free to use, though you can sign up for a free account to track progress. Access is also available via apps.

## **Activities for younger children**

Here are sites with activities and resources for under 5s and preschool children.



### **Bolton Start Well**

<https://www.boltonstartwell.org.uk/news/article/51/bolton-start-well-the-home-learning-literacy-project>

The Start Well Communication and Language Development team have developed a series of home learning activity cards for you to use and share with families. Activities will be added weekly.



### **Hungry Little Minds**

<https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>

This website brings together resources and activities for children under 5, including apps for smart devices.



### **BBC Tiny Happy People**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>

Tiny Happy People is full of resources to help you develop your child's communication skills. There are simple activities and play ideas, as well as advice and guidance about your child's development.

## **Subject specific resources and activities**

Please note that some of these resources include links to commercial sites



### **The Artful Parent**

<https://artfulparent.com>

This blog covers dozens of creative and art projects you can do at home to inspire, entertain and develop children of all ages. Projects are described with step-by-step instructions accompanied by photographs and lists of materials needed.

### 3D Geography

<https://www.3dgeography.co.uk/>



This site is full of fun ideas to help with learning about geography. There are dozens of free paper templates for making models and teaching resources to help make learning geography fun.

### Duolingo

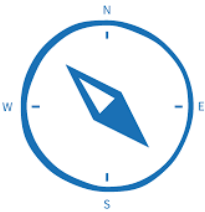
<https://www.duolingo.com/learn>



Duolingo provides free, interactive language learning in easy to manage sessions. You can create a profile to track your learning but that is optional. It offers an impressive selection of languages, including some you might not expect, such as Latin, Navajo and Klingon!

### Ordnance Survey Mapzone

<https://www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk/mapzone/>



Here you will find games, trivia quizzes and help with map skills. There are also facts and figures about the world around us all in a fun and easy to use interface.

### Mr Bruff's English Lessons

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



Online English teacher Mr Bruff makes videos on topics covering GCSE and A-Level English Language and Literature.

## Online Courses

Staying at home might be an opportunity to learn a new skill, broaden your knowledge or even develop your career.

The following websites provide access to FREE online courses. Please note: most of these require registration with an email address and some sites include paid for courses.

### Open University

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue>



Produced by The Open University all **OpenLearn** courses are free to study. There are nearly 1000 free courses across 8 different subject areas and the courses are available to start right away.

### Edx - free courses from the best universities

<https://www.edx.org/>



Over 2500 courses offered for free from 140 institutions. Founded by Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in 2012, edX offers high-quality courses from the world's best universities and institutions to learners everywhere.



### FutureLearn

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses>

A diverse selection of courses from leading universities and cultural institutions from around the world. Courses are delivered one module at a time with multiple accessible options so you can fit learning around your life. Please ensure that you choose the free option.



### Learn My Way

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

Free courses from the Good Things Foundation on using a computer, browsing the web, sending an email and finding work online.



### Code Academy

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

Learn to code interactively for free. Learn to build a website interactively for free using SQL, Java, HTML & CSS, JavaScript and much more.



### The Skills Toolkit

<https://theskillstoolkit.campaign.gov.uk/>

Want to learn a new skill while at home?  
Find free, high quality digital and numeracy courses in The Skills Toolkit.

## Our eLibrary

Your membership gives you free instant access to a wide range of eBooks, eAudio books and eMagazines: <https://www.boltonlams.co.uk/libraries/elibrary>



### Online Resources for Children and Students

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/discover-library/online-resources-children>

Bolton Libraries have a range of online resources designed especially with children and students in mind.

All you need is the 8-digit borrower number on your library card. (If you are using a smart card, please enter the 8-digit number written on the reverse of the card). If you aren't currently a member, please see the [Join the Library](#) page.

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