



Home Learning ideas for KEY STAGE 4 & Post 16

We recognise that school closure will have an enormous impact on our pupils and families, and that it will be important to keep our young people productively engaged in learning activities as far as possible.

However, don't feel under pressure to make your child 'do work', instead, read together, their favourite novel, your favourite novel. Do a puzzle. Build a fort. Bake. Watch TV together. Paint. Get out the Lego and build together. Set up a tent in the living room and camp out. Look at photos together. Don't stress about 'home schooling' them.

Suggested Day Plan Remember that less is more: don't end up having battle over work!	Morning 1	Reading activity
	Break	
	Morning 2	Maths activity
	Lunch	
	Afternoon 1	Writing activity
	Break	
	Afternoon 2	Our World or Creativity activity

Reading	These activities help pupils to make sense of the narratives, words, symbols and pictures around them.	
	Practical activities	10 – 30 minutes of daily reading (independent reading, sharing a book, reading to your child or listening to an audio book are all acceptable) of books from school, books from a local library or books you have at home.
	Around the house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> newspapers - look at pictures, read headlines, cut out interesting stories magazines - go to local shops, buy a magazine of interest, share reading articles read and follow recipe from a cook book Argos catalogue Youtube: Phonics Fairy, Audio books, CBeebies Bedtime Stories & Jackanory Junior
	Online resources	At Oxford Owl you can access lots of books just set up a free account at: https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/?sellLanguage=en&mode=hub
Writing	These activities support pupils to express their thoughts and feelings, as well as develop their motor control.	
	Practical activities	10 – 30 minutes of daily writing and drawing, using a range of pens, pencils, chalks, paints etc, or fine motor activities such as threading pasta onto string, cutting and sticking using old magazines or catalogues to make collages, pegging up items with clothes pegs.
	Around the house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> colouring pictures, colouring books, free printables from the internet

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mark making in sensory materials - shaving foam, flour, sand, glitter, rice, cereals, baked beans • write stories, poems • keep a diary • Create a newspaper/magazine article of something of interest
	Online resources	http://www.funenglishgames.com/writinggames.html
Mathematics	Why?	<i>These activities support pupils to reason, make connections and solve problems in their world.</i>
	Practical activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stocktaking – counting items of food e.g. tins of beans • Set up a shop using items from the house, price each item, students to purchase items selecting the correct money and if appropriate working out change •
	Around the house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shapes survey - identify shapes around the house • Help sort out materials for recycling • Help sort out the washing into colours, explore washing labels, load the machine, and select the correct programme • Lay the table for meals counting out how many items they will need i.e. plates, knives, forks etc
	Online resources	https://www.coolmathgames.com/
Creativity	<i>Creative self-expression is fundamental to wellbeing. These activities encourage designing & creating, offer the chance to offer opinions and share emotions.</i>	
	Practical activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a illustrations for a favourite story • Design a poster for a favourite film • Make up a dance routine to a favourite song • Build a den
	Around the house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage a puppet show using toys/Lego as puppets • Create collages using old magazines/junk mail/catalogues • Create an instrument using recycled materials e.g. plastic food containers, bottles, shoe box etc
	Online resources	<p>Take some time to view a work of art (many galleries such as the Tate have much of their collection to view online https://www.tate.org.uk/). Talk about what you like about the piece, or create your own version.</p> <p>Visit https://www.tate.org.uk/kids for art based activities to explore</p> <p>Visit https://www.youtube.com/user/SingingHandsUK to access Makaton signed songs.</p> <p>At Bloomsbury you can access activity packs relating themed around different books: https://www.bloomsbury.com/uk/superpage/activity-packs/</p>

Our world	<p>These activities help pupils acquire skills for everyday living, make choices and recognise their place within our culture and society.</p>
Practical activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planting vegetable seeds, keep a diary if appropriate and then eat the produce. Seeds can be planted straight in the garden at this time of year or you could get creative and use different items to make pots, i.e. old shoe, tins etc. • Create famous landmarks out of Lego/building blocks/junk
Around the house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watching Newsround on TV (7.40am, 8.15am or 4.00pm) or online and discussing stories of interest • Create a weather report • Help to prepare simple meals/snacks as independently as possible, following instructions on packets etc
Online resources	<p>https://www.learning4kids.net/list-of-sensory-play-ideas/</p> <p>https://lemonlimeadventures.com/12-sensory-play-ideas-to-encourage-hands-on-learning/</p> <p>https://learning-resources.sciencemuseum.org.uk/resources/try-this/</p> <p>Explore different locations using Google Earth: https://www.google.co.uk/intl/en_uk/earth</p>
General Curriculum	<p>The BBC's Bitesize pages offer a variety of useful activities across the curriculum: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p</p>
Staying Active	<p>It might not be possible to get out and about, but staying active and healthy is important. A couple of websites to help you get moving:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com search 'Just Dance' for fun dance routines to popular songs</p> <p>https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/ks1-collection/zbr4scw</p> <p>Alternatively, set up a circuit in the house or the garden, ball games, skipping, hula hoop timed activities i.e. how many jumps can you do in a minute</p>
Calming Activities	<p>Calming activities are very important as they help children feel calm, centred and ready for whatever is next.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squishes with big physio balls • Hand massage • Listening to rhythmic or soft music • Fiddle/ squishy toys