

SCHOOL CLOSURE – HOME LEARNING AND INFORMATION

As you will almost certainly be aware, all UK schools are to close at the end of the school day on Friday 20th March 2020 to most pupils, until further notice.

LEARNING

All pupils have been sent home with a reading book, reading record and an exercise book to complete their work at home.

Please see the end of this page below for online resources to assist with home learning.

Pupils will require internet access in order to complete some of the tasks. The work should be supplemented by the online learning set out in the tables in this document.

Please note any additional work for pupils will be sent out via Parentmail only.

From Monday 23rd March, communication with the class teacher will take place via email. Details of email addresses have been sent to parents and carers. Emails will be checked by teachers at the following times:

Monday to Friday during term time:

09:30 – 10:00

11:30 – 12:30

14:45 – 15:15

SAFEGUARDING

If you, as a parent or carer, feel that the safety and well-being of your children is being compromised, please contact our Family Liaison Officer on the number or via the email address below.

Work mobile: 07593 395412 (9-3pm only) or email: welfare@robertdrake.essex.sch.uk

PUPILS WITH SEN NEEDS

Please can parents/carers work with their children on their One Plan targets.

FREE-SCHOOL MEALS

Families with pupils who are entitled to free school meals have been contacted individually to advise them of arrangements.

GENERAL SUPPORT

If you are 'self-isolating' or have a long term health condition, are lonely and isolated, house bound, in need of picking up shopping or in need of a friendly phone call then please contact CAVS Ways to Wellness team who will be happy to help on 01268 214000 or email www.wellness@cavsorg.uk.

CAVS are open Monday to Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm. Out of these hours please leave a message or email: www.wellness@cavsorg.uk (Castle Point, Rayleigh and Rochford).

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION

School administration will continue to operate via email. Please be patient with us as we deal with your communication. Please contact the school administration via: admin@robertdrake.essex.sch.uk

The following is a list of useful websites.

Subject	Useful websites	Description
English -GPS Writing	https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/3-5-years/letters-and-sounds https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/5-7-years/letters-and-sounds https://www.topmarks.co.uk/english-games/7-11-years/spelling-and-grammar https://gridclub.com/activities/com-ma-castle	Fun, short GPS and writing games
English – Reading	https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/ https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/ https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7sW4j8p7k9D_qRRMUsGqyw https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html https://www.uniteforliteracy.com/	Phonics resources. Username: march20 Password: home Mr Thorne Does Phonics provides a range of videos focusing on different sounds. Cross-curricular journeys based on a story or video.

Maths	https://trockstars.com/ https://play.numbots.com/#/intro https://www.mymaths.co.uk/	<p>Times table and number activities – pupils have their own personalized logins in their home diary.</p> <p>Interactive maths games, activities and challenges. Username: robertdrake Password: prime</p>
Science	https://www.satsbootcamp.co.uk/bootcamps/science.php	<p>This website has lots of different activities related to our science topics across the key stage.</p>
History	<p>Website link below in General Resources</p> https://britishmuseum.withgoogle.com/	<p>Activities, research and information on a range of areas covered in the primary history curriculum.</p> <p>Virtual tour around the museum with links and activities linked to various artefacts.</p>
Geography	https://www.toporopa.eu/en/index.html http://www.yourchildlearns.com/mappuzzle/europe-puzzle.html http://www.yourchildlearns.com/mappuzzle/world-featurespuzzle.html https://worldgeographygames.com/world.html	<p>World map quizzes and puzzles, including – countries, seas, flags, volcanoes and battles.</p> <p>Map puzzles and games related to countries and their capital cities within Europe.</p> <p>World features map puzzles.</p> <p>These activities ask you to locate the different countries of the world, name capital cities and identify flags.</p>
Music	https://www.musicmark.org.uk/resources/10-free-songs-fromsing-up/ https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/2bL2NL6Cwlsj2Cs4BXkvg9X/primary-music	<p>Free ‘Sing Up’ friends resource for Music at home.</p> <p>Cross-curricular music and stories.</p>
Art	https://www.tate.org.uk/kids/games-quizzes <p>Website link below in General Resources</p>	<p>The Tate website offers online resources for children to showcase their</p>

		artistic skills using technology.
DT	http://www.educatingyoungengineers.com/lego-club-activity-ideas https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/category/family-kids	This website has lots of Lego challenges for children to explore linked to DT. The cooking part of the KS2 curriculum focuses on savoury dishes. Here is a link to some top savoury dishes to try at home.
Computing	https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/ https://www.isleoftune.com/	In school we use Scratch as one of the programs within our computing curriculum.
PE	https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=youtube+kids+the+body+coach https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga	<p>The Body Coach kids workouts have been used previously in school. They are short activities designed to raise the children's heart rate.</p> <p>Cosmic Kids have a range of yoga instruction videos.</p>
RE	Website link below in General Resources	Activities, research and information on a range of areas covered in the primary R.E. curriculum.
Languages	Website link below in General Resources	Activities, research and information on a range of areas covered in the primary Languages curriculum.
General Resources	www.twinkl.co.uk/offer https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z3g4d2p https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/school-closures https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies https://www.funbrain.com/ https://www.abcya.com/ https://www.e-learningforkids.org/	Offer Code: UKTWINKLHELPS

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/>

The below links are sites that have been set up with links to resources ideas, solutions, plans and support, which may be of use, depending on the age of your child.

<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.

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. [Kelymentalhealth.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.

- 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.
- 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.