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|  | **London Diocesan Board for Schools**  **Useful resources and links for home/independent learning and activity** |

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The following links and resources have been used in one or more LDBS schools. LDBS doesn’t recommend any in particular but hopes that this comprehensive list will be of use.

**123 Homeschool**

Free printable worksheets and educational activities, arranged by year or subject

<https://www.123homeschool4me.com/>

**2Simple**

<https://2simple.com/>

**3P Learning**

3P Learning provides learning resources for schools and families, with topics such as mathematics, spelling, literacy, and science

<https://www.3plearning.com/>

**Active History**

<https://www.activehistory.co.uk/>

Tools and resources for teaching history including interactive simulations, quizzes, and games. A one-month free trial is available on request due to school closures.

**Active Learn (includes Bug Club)**

<https://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk/login?c=0>

**Activity Village**

<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/>

A great resource for craft ideas and templates to develop creativity at home

**BBC Bitesize**

Daily lessons for children aged 5-14 added from 20 April.

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

**Big History Project**  
Aimed at Secondary age. Multi-disciplinary activities.  
<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home>

**Blockly**  
Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.  
[https://blockly.games](https://blockly.games/)

**Blue Peter Badges**  
If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

**Cbeebies Radio**  
Listening activities for the younger ones.  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>

**Children’s University of Manchester**

Excellent interactive resource in which your child can browse a number of different science topics which have a quiz at the end of each unit.

<https://www.childrensuniversity.manchester.ac.uk/>

**Class Dojo**

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

Free app that connects teachers with students and parents to build classroom communities. Teachers can bring parents into the classroom experience by sharing photos, videos, announcements and instant messages with parents.

**Code Org**

<https://code.org/>

**Crash Course**  
You Tube videos on many subjects  
[https://thecrashcourse.com](https://thecrashcourse.com/)

**Crash Course Kids**  
As above for a younger audience  
<https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>

**Crest Awards**  
Science awards you can complete from home.  
[https://www.crestawards.org](https://www.crestawards.org/)

**DK Find Out**  
Activities and quizzes  
<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

**Duolingo**  
Learn languages for free. Web or app.  
[https://www.duolingo.com](https://www.duolingo.com/)

**Firefly Learning**[Www.fireflylearning.com/school-closures](http://www.fireflylearning.com/school-closures)   
All their online resources freely available for the time being

**Futurelearn**  
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).  
[https://www.futurelearn.com](https://www.futurelearn.com/)

**Geography Games**  
Geography gaming!  
<https://world-geography-games.com/world.html>

**iDEA Awards**  
Digital enterprise award scheme you can complete online.  
[https://idea.org.uk](https://idea.org.uk/)

**Khan Academy**  
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.  
[https://www.khanacademy.org](https://www.khanacademy.org/)

**Mathletics**

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

**Mindfulness in Schools Project**  
Free Paws b or .b lesson on mindfulness  
<https://mindfulnessinschools.org/train/>

**Mindful Schools**   
For the next few weeks, Mindful Schools will be offering free mindfulness classes for kids! With different mindful activities, mindful movement, read-alouds  
https://www.mindfulschools.org/free-online-mindfulness-class-for-kids/

**Mystery Science**  
Free science lessons  
[https://mysteryscience.com](https://mysteryscience.com/)

**National Geographic Kids**  
Activities and quizzes for younger kids.  
[https://www.natgeokids.com/uk](https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/)

**NCETM (National Centre for Excellence of Teaching in Maths**

Support for teachers. Also for parents/carers supporting homelearning.

<https://www.ncetm.org.uk/resources/54432>

**Oak National Academy**

180 lesson each week for reception to Y10

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

**Oxford Owl for Home**

Lots of free resources for primary age  
<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

**Pan Macmillan**

<https://www.panmacmillan.com/blogs/books-for-children/snail-and-the-whale-kids-activities>

Free weekly readings by Julia Donaldson and book-related activities

**Paw Print Badges**  
Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.  
[https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk](https://www.pawprintbadges.co.uk/)

**Prodigy Maths**  
U.S. site but good for UK Primary age.  
[https://www.prodigygame.com](https://www.prodigygame.com/)

**Red Ted Art**  
Easy arts and crafts for little ones  
[https://www.redtedart.com](https://www.redtedart.com/)

**Seneca**  
For those revising at GCSE or A level. Tons of free revision content. Paid access to higher level material.  
[https://www.senecalearning.com](https://www.senecalearning.com/)

**Scholastic**

Free downloadable home learning resource packs:

Early Years Pack: <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39880>

Key Stage 1 Pack: <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39881>

Lower Key Stage 2 Pack: <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39882>

Upper Key Stage 2 Pack: <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/39883>

We’re offering all teachers and children in affected UK schools completely FREE access to Scholastic Reading Pro and Reading Pro Library for the duration of the school closures.

Simply email us at [readingpro@scholastic.co.uk](mailto:readingpro@scholastic.co.uk) with the number of free licences you require for your staff and pupils and we'll set you up from there. We'll also provide you with full instructions for you to send on to parents so they can set their child up from home.

**Scratch**  
Creative computer programming  
<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/>

**Sumdog**

<https://pages.sumdog.com/>

Engaging and challenging maths and literacy games that children can use to enhance their learning at home

**Teach Your Monster to Read**

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

**Ted Ed**  
All sorts of engaging educational videos  
[https://ed.ted.com](https://ed.ted.com/)

**Teen Librarian**

Summary of publishers allowing schools to read and record during the pandemic

<http://teenlibrarian.co.uk/2020/03/20/publisher-permission-details-for-virtual-story-times-during-the-coronavirus-crisis/>

**The Artful Parent**  
Good, free art activities   
<https://www.facebook.com/artfulparent/>

**The Imagination Tree**  
Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.  
[https://theimaginationtree.com](https://theimaginationtree.com/)

**The Kids Should See This**  
Wide range of fun educational videos  
[https://thekidshouldseethis.com](https://thekidshouldseethis.com/)

**Thinkuknow**

Online safety advice for parents/carers and activity packs for all age groups

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/?utm_source=Thinkuknow&utm_campaign=f4fd0dd4ee-TUK_ONLINE_SAFETY_AT_HOME_05_05_20&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b54505554-f4fd0dd4ee-55176569>

**Times Tables Rock Stars,**

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

**Tinkercad**  
All kinds of making.  
[https://www.tinkercad.com](https://www.tinkercad.com/)

**Toy Theater**  
Educational online games  
<https://toytheater.com/>

**Twinkl**  
are offering a month of free access to parents in the event of school closures.  
[https://www.twinkl.co.uk](https://www.twinkl.co.uk/)

**Virtual tours**

Virtual tours of some of the world’s best museums  
<https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours>

**White Rose Maths**

Free to register maths resources

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

**Wiltshire Council**

Various resources, especially Looking After Yourself Looking After Your Children

[http://rightchoice.wiltshire.gov.uk/Page/16934#](http://rightchoice.wiltshire.gov.uk/Page/16934)

**Other useful sites/organisations**

**The World Health Organisation**

<https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/coping-with-stress.pdf?sfvrsn=9845bc3a_2>

<https://www.who.int/docs/default-source/coronaviruse/helping-children-cope-with-stress-print.pdf?sfvrsn=f3a063ff_2>

**Mental Health UK**

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-your-mental-health-during-coronavirus-outbreak>

**NEF – Five Ways to Wellbeing: The Evidence**

<https://neweconomics.org/2008/10/five-ways-to-wellbeing-the-evidence>

**National Association of School Psychologists**

<https://www.nasponline.org/resources-and-publications/resources-and-podcasts/school-climate-safety-and-crisis/health-crisis-resources/talking-to-children-about-covid-19-(coronavirus)-a-parent-resource>

**The Child Mind Institute**

<https://childmind.org/article/talking-to-kids-about-the-coronavirus/>