



Blackpool SEND Service Newsletter

Supporting schools and home learning for children and young people with Special Educational Needs.

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The Coronavirus outbreak means that parents and carers of young people with SEND are facing uncertainty. If your child is not able to attend their setting/school, we want to support you with some practical home learning advice, hints and suggestions through these newsletters and on the Blackpool Local Offer page on Facebook. If you would like any advice or support with any aspect of home learning, please visit the Blackpool SEND Local Offer page on Facebook and submit any questions, your child's school are always there to help too.

<https://www.fyidirectory.co.uk/kb5/blackpool/directory/localoffer.page?directorychannel=2&district=blackpool>

Useful Numbers and Websites

Corona Kindness - If you need any support at this time, please contact the corona kindness team at helpneeded@blackpool.gov.uk or call 0808 1963080.

<https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Campaigns/Coronaviruss/Corona-Kindness.aspx>

 <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Residents/Health-and-social-care/HeadStart-Blackpool/HeadStart-Blackpool.aspx>
 <https://blackpoolbetterstart.org.uk/>

Family Learning

The Family Learning Service are running a number of courses over the spring term. To get in touch, find out about courses they are running or to book a place on any of their courses call their admin team on 01253 478131 or

email adult.learning@blackpool.gov.uk

[Blackpool Council Adult Learning | Courses](#)

Cognition and Learning

[#ReadingAtHome month](#) | [Pearson UK](#) are sharing top tips for reading at home, some ideas and inspiration for finding new books. One example is to create a den and read in it. You might even need a torch!

[Home Learning](#) | [White Rose Maths](#) continue to produce daily 'home learning' lessons for Years 1-9. Every lesson comes with a short video showing you clearly and simply how to help your child complete the activity.

Burns Night

Burns Night honors the iconic Scottish poet Robert Burns, who wrote the New Year's Eve Anthem Auld Lang Syne. Five years after Robert Burns died, a group of friends got together to remember him and his poetry. The tradition became established and now, every year on his birthday, 25th January, people all around the world celebrate Burns Night with a Burns Supper. Visit [Burns Night Activities For Kids \(activityvillage.co.uk\)](#) to find out more information of some well-loved Burns Night traditions. Explore some family-friendly ideas for your own Burns Night celebrations – everything from recipes to printables.

[What is Burns Night? - CBBC Newsround](#)

[Burns Night Activities and Games | Primary Resources \(twinkl.co.uk\)](#)



Speech, Language and Communication

Each week we will be providing suggestions for useful apps, to support your child, which are free to download. The apps will be for a variety of skills and support. We hope to provide you with some feedback on their reliability and engagement. This week try

Magic Fluids Lite a relaxing, colourful drawing app, that will help you calm down and relieve stress, or be creative using digital art. Available on iOS or Android.



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As families, we need to develop our resilience to allow us to cope with all the change and uncertainty that we are currently facing. For parents who feel they need support in helping develop resilience in their child please watch these short videos [Building resilience in your child - BBC Bitesize](#).

There are a variety of useful websites and apps that can help children to calm and self-regulate.

This week we recommend you try the website Go Noodle and the app Mindful Gnats. For early years and KS1 children explore the app - Breathe, Think, Do with Sesame Street.

National Deaf Children's Society are offering a range of free online events that you can join. You will be able to get lots of information, join discussions with other families, and ask questions to our experts.

Booking is essential, as places are limited.

Closed captioning and BSL interpreters will be available at all of our online events. If you have any questions, please email events@ndcs.org.uk.