



Blackpool SEND Service Newsletter

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

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Useful Numbers and Websites

Corona Kindness - If you need any support at this time or feel you are in a position to offer help please contact the corona kindness team at helpneeded@blackpool.gov.uk or helpoffered@blackpool.gov.uk.


If you need help call 0808 1963080.

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

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


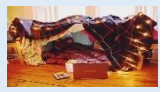
 <https://blackpoolbetterstart.org.uk/>

Half Term family fun ideas

- Make your own Twister game, in the garden or using an old blanket in the home. Write down parts of the body on pieces of paper and write the colours on other pieces of paper. Put the body parts in one bowl and the colours in another and each player picks a colour and body part.  <https://downtimeupcycle.blogspot.com/2010/12/twister.html>

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- Make your own board game.
- Camping in the garden or den making in the house.

 Your child could plan what to pack, plan the menu and the activities. 

Making memories in lockdown -

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/making-family-memories-in-lockdown>

Have a go at rainbow bubble snakes

<http://www.housingaforest.com/rainbow-bubble-snakes/>

Emotional Wellbeing

Is your child worried about the Coronavirus, here is a lovely picture book to help you talk to them about their worries

<https://en.calameo.com/read/000777721945cfe5bb9cc?authid=Xu9pcOzU3TQx>

Make Resilient moves as a family with support from some Headstart suggestions

<https://sites.google.com/headstart.blackpool.org.uk/pshe-parentcarer-site/home?fbclid=IwAR2vAxtNjMnI99t14uM3SZhVtq9QiZiBwLP2q4ksyxxfazoToYb7JJOBRU>

Lorie, co-leader of the Resilience Revolution and Resilience Coach has shared this great idea for using the Resilience Framework to calm down and make ourselves feel better.

Why not have a go at making your own 'cool down cubes' and pick one from the jar next time you need some help calming down and making yourself feel better.



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>

Learning

Create your own family word searches, it is easier than it sounds; list all the names of family members, favourite things, hobbies, foods etc. Write the words out, overlapping where possible and fill in the gaps with mixed letters. Maybe each family member could make one and then swap them over to see who can find all the words the fastest. You can also use a website to help you



<https://www.makewordsearch.net/create.php>

Creative ways to teach money

<https://natwest.mymoneysense.com/home-learning/creative-ways-to-teach-money-skills-at-home/>

Speech, Language and Communication

Using the link below, you will find YouTube clips of activities and worksheets to download for many areas of speech, language and communication.

<https://www.hacw.nhs.uk/childrens-speech-and-language-resources>

Preparing to return to school

As the lockdown starts to ease and more children are returning to school, here are some tips to support that

- Talk through what school will be like - and what will happen during the day - so your child knows what to expect.
- Make time to talk about any worries they may have.
- Let them see you looking calm and in control (even if you feel differently on the inside)
- Ease them back towards normal bedtimes (so they're not exhausted on their first day back)
- Take care of yourself (so you can take care of your child). You can find some social stories, support and advice using the following link.

<http://www.starsteam.org.uk/coronavirus-resources>