

### **CAD 5-19 Team – Resources to support SEND learners**

Dear SENCOs/ Parents and carers,

We have created a list of websites offering **free** resources, activities, games and information. Some websites may require a log in but most are free for the period during which schools are closed (please check individual websites).

Some of these websites have a specific SEND focus or area whilst others have activities grouped by age. For those with age recommendations please consider which activities are most appropriate for your children based on their developmental level rather than age. The websites below cover a range of needs and curriculum areas including activities to support young people who may be experiencing increased worry and anxiety at this time.

For some SEND children it will be important to know the facts about what is happening however too much information can be overwhelming. Try to ensure that any information is accurate and remember to focus on the positives – what can we do to help. We have included links to some social stories which may be useful to share with your children.

The resources included are there as a guide, not all resources will be appropriate for all children so please preview websites and resources to share those that are appropriate for your children.

**Most importantly, please remember that although formal lessons like English and maths are important they are not the only way to learn! It is equally, if not more important at this time to spend time with your children and young people; sharing life skills around the home, maintaining physical activities, having fun and allowing for relaxation time (for parents and teachers as well as children!).**

Best wishes

CAD 5-19 Support Team

## **Communication**

**Speech Link:** Parent support site for children with speech, language and communication needs. Activities and games to help children hear the difference between speech sounds and identify different sounds. New games and activities added regularly along with speech and language therapy podcasts.

<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

**WIDGIT online (Code: WIDGIT30):** Templates to create symbol resources such as visual timetables, schedules, flashcards, word mats, bingo cards and worksheets (templates found in the create a grid option. Also offers speech to text option (only in Google Chrome). Examples and tutorials on website – contact team if additional support required.

[www.widgitonline.com/offer](http://www.widgitonline.com/offer)

**British Sign Language:** Online BSL course – pay what you can - **a minimum of £3 admin fee** for an accredited CPD course.

<https://www.british-sign.co.uk/learn-online-british-sign-language-course/>

### *Guide prices*

- £3 – if you are a full time student or finding things tight right now.
- £10 – If you are a Key Worker or playing an important role during the current crisis.
- £15 – this is how much it costs us to provide each enrollment.
- £25 – this is the normal cost of enrollment and enables us to continue developing resources.
- £35+ – this will help fund someone else's enrollment.

**Makaton:** Free songs, information and activity sheets accompanied by Makaton symbols. The 'your home' pack is free which may be especially helpful.

<https://www.makaton.org/shop/shopping/browseStore/Free-resources>

Coronavirus explanation video with Makaton signing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OS8vbjr2-Q&feature=youtu.be>

**AAC language lab:** Free resources and activities aimed at pupils who use an AAC device for communication. Also offering a 2 month free subscription.

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

## **Cognition and Learning**

**Phonics Play:** Username: March 20 Password: home

Lots of interactive games and printable activities to support with phonics, reading and spelling.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/#>

**Nessy:** Nessy and GoHairy YouTube channels with songs and videos to support reading and spelling strategies.

[https://www.youtube.com/user/greenandfriendly/videos?disable\\_polymer=1](https://www.youtube.com/user/greenandfriendly/videos?disable_polymer=1)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBKY9k6NkPEOHFO2f6-y2Mw>

**The Maths Factor:** created by Carol Vorderman contains teaching videos, practice activities and games for various maths topics at all levels.

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

**World of David Walliams:** Quizzes and activities as well as resource packs that can be used with the David Walliams books. Activities range from wordsearches and finding items in a picture to writing letters and creating characters. 'The slightly annoying elephant' and 'The first hippo on the moon' may be more appropriate to start with. There is also a free audio story to listen to every day at 11am.

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/activities/> (activities and tasks related to the books)

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/> (free audio story)

**Twinkl:** Wide range of resources including daily plans, visual timetables, worksheets and activities. Includes a specific SEND section and SEND home learning pack. Lots of resources available for free but also free premium membership available with the offer code below.

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/covid19-school-closures>

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer>

Offer code: UKTWINKLHELPS

**National marine aquarium:** Live feeds and clips of the aquarium in addition to live feeding sessions and talks.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCezJorsyMOcWVeK2N2FAaRg>

**Audible** – free audio stories whilst schools are closed, including titles across six languages.

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

**Newsround:** news updates and stories aimed at school aged viewers, includes information on Coronavirus.

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

**Inclusive Teach:** Lots of printable resources across a wide range of subject areas and ages.

<https://inclusiveteach.com/free-printable-sen-teaching-resources/>

**Clicker:** Software programme providing reading and writing support.

<https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/clicker/clicker-at-home>

### **Social, Emotional and Physical Wellbeing**

**ELSA:** Ideas for activities and social stories designed to provide support for social and emotional wellbeing.

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/category/free-resources/coronavirus-support/>

### **Managing Anxiety article**

<https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/calming-coronavirus-anxiety-children-everyone-else/>

**Go Noodle:** great interactive videos – guided dance, mindfulness, how to ..., and motor skills activities. YouTube videos page also included.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC2YBT7HYgCbbvzu3kKZ3wnw>

**National Autistic Society:** Resources for autistic people and their families including social stories, advice sheets and activities.

<https://www.autism.org.uk/services/helplines/coronavirus/resources.aspx>

**Cosmic kids yoga:** yoga set to stories and imaginative journeys.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

**Child line calm zone:** Breathing exercises, yoga videos, games and videos on coping strategies.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/calm-zone/>

**Inclusive Teach:** Sensory learning ideas for all senses, sensory circuit activities and self-regulation activities.

<https://inclusiveteach.com/2020/03/20/150-sensory-learning-ideas/>

## **Visual Impairment**

### **Useful Websites for advice about Visual Impairments**

Guide Dogs <https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/>

RNIB <https://www.rnib.org.uk/>

Look UK <https://www.look-uk.org/>

VICTAR <https://www.victa.org.uk/>

Pathways to Literacy <https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/>

Positive Eye <https://www.positiveeye.co.uk/>

**Lots of useful resources and ideas for children with visual impairments - all ages and needs from Paths to Literacy**

<https://www.pathstoliteracy.org/blog/stay-home-activities-children-visual-impairments>

**Digital Books that can be viewed on a tablet or laptop and enlarged as needed – all ages**

Both free but need to register first

<https://www.rnibbookshare.org/cms/>

<http://www.seeingear.org/>

**Kitchen Curriculum for Children with Visual Impairments – all ages**

How to develop skills around eating and preparing food

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/insight-online/kitchen-curriculum-children-vision-impairment>

**Positive Eye Craft Sessions suitable for Children with Visual impairments – primary**

Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays – live or recorded to watch later

<https://www.positiveeye.co.uk/general-news/positive-eye-idea-machine-week-1-class-1-recording-23-3-2020/>

**Positive Looking with Your Visually Impaired Baby – preschool**

<https://www.positiveeye.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/Positive-Looking-with-your-Baby.pdf>

**Parent Support Group Chat for parents of children with Visual Impairment – all ages**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/parents-support-group-tickets-100944176750?aff=erelexpmlt>

**Touch Typing suitable for people with Visual impairments – primary upwards**

<https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/activities/text-type/text-type.html>