



The following links have been put together from a variety of websites providing activity and learning resources. The majority are appropriate for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, but not all, as many families will have siblings also looking for things to do.

All the links have been checked by ESPCF as workable (08/04/20) but the resources themselves have not been tried and tested, so their full content, reliability and safety cannot be guaranteed.

As some children and young people will be struggling with a new routine and a confined environment the first link is where to find assistance with challenging behaviour.

CHALLENGING BEHAVIOUR FOUNDATION

Support with behaviour that challenges

<https://www.challengingbehaviour.org.uk/supporting-you/for-families/for-families.html>

NHS ESSEX PARTNERSHIP UNIVERSITY - COMMUNICATION

<https://eput.nhs.uk/our-services/essex/south-east-essex-community-health-services/childrens/speech-language-therapy/resources/downloadable-resources/>

Downloadable resources to help with communication.

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

Brain Parade

<http://www.brainparade.com/products/see-touch-learn-free/>

Description: a visual instruction app, including flash cards and picture-choosing games, for children with autism and special needs.

HelpKidzLearn

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

Description: a collection of games and resources designed for a range of educational needs and stages. It includes provision for school closure.

Sensory App House Ltd

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

Description: a range of apps are available for pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) or Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD). All are interactive and many do not require significant coordination abilities.

Visuals2Go

<https://www.visuals2go.com/>

Description: an all-in-one app created to support people with communication and learning difficulties. For verbal and non-verbal learners.



KIDS ACTIVITIES

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/135609/list-of-education-companies-offering-free-subscriptions/>

PURPLE MASH – curriculum resource suitable for early years to 11 years

<https://2simple.com/blog/using-purple-mash-when-school-closed/>

VARIOUS LINKS SOURCED FROM ESPCF SEARCHES

BRAINPOP

BrainPOP taps into and engages your child's curiosity, setting them up for success in school and in life! Teacher-approved content, learning games, and creativity tools empowers your child to build, apply, and share knowledge.

<https://go.brainpop.com/family/home>

CREATIVEBUG

Video classes taught by designers and artists – sewing and art projects.

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

YOUTUBE

10 channels for kids who love science.

<http://www.gescienceprize.org/lists/10-youtube-channels-for-kids-who-love-science/>

YouTube Learn@Home - A resource for families with children of different ages & areas of interest.

<https://learnathome.withyoutube.com/>

FIVE MINUTE MUM

Quick easy games you can do with household items – games for writing, numbers, letter recognition, little ones and five minutes' peace!

<https://fiveminutemum.com/>

INCLUSIVE TECHNOLOGY

iPad & Android Apps - Motivational Apps created by Inclusive Technology specifically for children. Carefully designed to meet a range of special educational needs including switch access for those with physical disabilities.

<http://www.inclusive.co.uk/apps>

PHONICS PLAY

Free resources to games and teaching ideas.

<https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

BUSY THINGS

Fun, educational games for 3 – 11 yr. olds.

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



IDEAS AND LINKS FROM THE SPECIAL NEEDS JUNGLE

<https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/distance-education-resources-for-children-and-young-people-with-send/>

The following links have all been taken from an extensive list created by the Special Needs Jungle.

BBC BITESIZE BY AGE

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

Beginning Monday 20 April, BBC Bitesize will publish daily online lessons for all ages. We'll also have a new dedicated TV channel full of learning content, podcasts on BBC Sounds and loads of educational video on iPlayer.

DO TO LEARN

<https://do2learn.com/>

Do2learn provides thousands of free pages with social skills and behavioural regulation activities and guidance, learning songs and games, communication cards, academic material, and transition guides for employment and life skills. In addition, we offer premier products including View2do, JobTIPS, and books for purchase.

TWINKL

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/parents>

Home learning for school closures.

EMPOWERING LITTLE MINDS

<https://www.empoweringlittleminds.co.uk/resources-1>

Early years – ideas for learning through play.

LEARNING THROUGH PLAY YOUTUBE

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpkztoFHlgP4jpDKWNWaHA>

SEN resources.

UNDERSTOOD

<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/stuck-at-home-activities>

Learning activities, board games and apps.

KENT CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY

<https://www.facebook.com/KentChildrensUniversity>

Facebook page that has lots of home learning resources.

MONSTER MATH

<https://www.monstermath.app/>

Games with fun characters and storylines, combined with offline math activities in the form of printables – via Google Play or App Store.

INCLUSIVE TEACH

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

150 sensory learning ideas.



THE SENSORY PROJECT

http://www.thesensoryprojects.co.uk/covid19-resources?utm_source=

Bank of resources and links of educational activities.

EASTERSEALS AUTISM TOOLKIT

https://qrcgcustomers.s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/account4876975/6552095_2.pdf?0.11589340381807767

Toolkit and planners with ideas for activities and schedules.

MINECRAFT

<https://www.minecraft.net/en-us/marketplace/education>

Educational collection free until the end of June.

THEOCOOKS

<https://www.instagram.com/theocooks/>

Live cookery lessons on Mon, Weds, Fri at 4pm .

TUMBLETOTS UK

<https://www.tumbletots.com/news/news/9414/>

Activities and entertainment for little ones.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC KIDS

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/primary-resources/>

Kids clubs, games and primary resources.

CATCOTE FUTURES

<https://www.catcotefutures.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Catcote-Futures-Home-Pack-updated-.pdf>

Long list of home learning ideas.

OUR AWESOME PLANET

<https://www.youtube.com/user/antondiaz/videos>

Series of videos exploring the planet.

VIRTUAL ROLLER COASTER RIDES

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vwAu5cEIM8&feature=youtu.be>

10-minute video of the top 10 tallest roller coasters.

ANIMAL FARM ADVENTURE PARK

https://www.facebook.com/AnimalFarmAdventurePark/?_tn_=%2CdkC-R&eid=ARCLaG4YxROfMXbcVjBtcSy9BHSLpecx15cMrTv6ue67Vk2Q8v17oKQSOczEIlF4MVGrxZjUgUz9VKPv&hc_ref=ARTV7bGpDb1lwL6aeeQgGcyVzPykreIw9SgsybIKP-aa5KNbFiBqVL4kEUVjW-gLGvU

Facebook page with videos and links.

NASA KIDS CLUB

<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html>

Games, downloads and much more space related links.

COMMON SENSE MEDIA

<https://www.common sense media.org/guide/special-needs>

Special needs guide on using media and advice on various apps.

SPECIAL iAPPS

<https://www.specialiapps.org/en>

Educational apps to support children with special needs.

LEON THE MAGICIAN

<https://www.facebook.com/LEONmagician>

Facebook page for magician, videos showing tricks etc.

BOOKS

Signed Tiger who came to Tea

<https://youtu.be/VwmkzeTAJ8I>

Audio stories free at Audible

<https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

American titles read by celebrities and free on-demand

<https://www.storylineonline.net/>

ONLINE SAFETY

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>