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Home Learning Guide



Be informed.



Be curious.

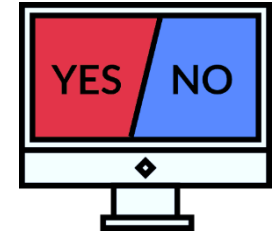


Be heard.

Welcome to VotesforSchools!



Each week, VotesforSchools provides lessons to pupils all over the country, asking them about the issues that matter to them. Their votes are recorded and sent out to charities, organisations & decision-makers to help make a difference.



This doesn't stop while schools are closed either. Until things go back to normal, we'll be making this weekly guide to help you and your families learn at home! This week, your pack includes:

1 Top tips for learning at home

2 Taking your VotePack further

3 Learn something new

Questions or suggestions? Get in touch on social media @votesforschools!



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Top tips for learning at home

Learning at home can sometimes feel lonely, but it doesn't have to! Here are some top tips on working as a group in isolation:



1 Start the conversation

Suggest setting up a group chat with your classmates, ask a sibling to join in a VfS chat, or tell your parents what you're up to. Sometimes it just takes one person to take initiative, so why not you?



2 Stay on track

When you're on a group chat with your friends, it's easy to get side-tracked. While it's okay to take a break once in a while, these little chats can take over the main focus of the call. Create a plan of what you want to cover in your call. Then once you've done that, chat away!



3 Think about numbers

If you've already experienced an online lesson, you'll see that chatting in large numbers can be difficult. If you're setting up a group call, aim for 3-5 people, so everyone has room to have their say.



1 Top tips for learning at home

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These are frustrating times, and working with your family or friends online will feel different to the classroom. But try to be patient and open to new ideas! If you find yourself getting annoyed, don't be afraid to also take some time for yourself. Remember: this won't be forever.

5 Be honest, but respectful

Again, it's easy to get frustrated and it's okay to point out when something isn't working. However, remember to be respectful, particularly if someone is just trying to help. If you do lose your temper, an apology can go a long way...



If all else fails, ask the experts 6



You asked your parents, your friends, your siblings, and you're still lost... That's what your teachers are there for! If you really can't work it out, go back to them and ask for some more information, or have a look at tutorials online. Make sure you don't suffer in silence.

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Top tips for learning at home



But don't just take our word for it, here's some advice from pupils across the country!



"If you have extra time, and if possible, you could try to "teach" it to somebody as this tests your understanding. If you can't put it simply, you don't understand it enough."

Kingswood Academy



"The teachers could set up an online lesson so that they can explain properly what they would like us to do."

Hailsham Community College

"It's easier to learn with a small group than a big group."

Meridian High School



"Video call with a friend to help you with your work!"

Kingsmead School



"Get your friends' phone numbers and make a group chat to discuss any questions."

Wath Academy



"Get into a routine and message teachers or ask your parents if you are stuck."

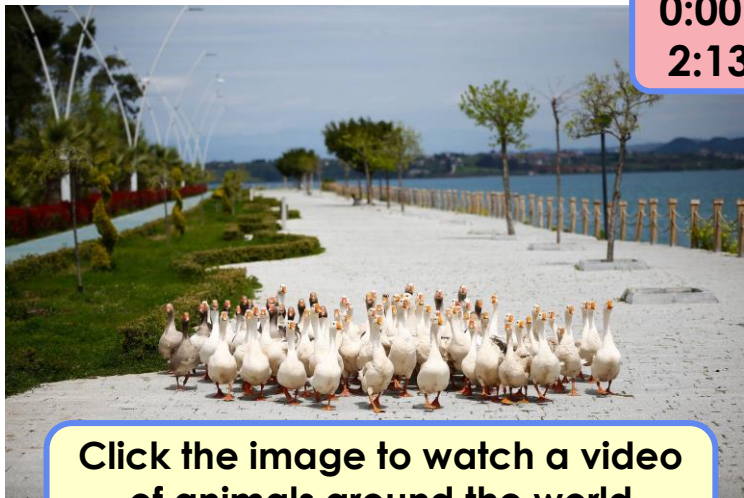
Outwood Academy Freeston



"I like to study with my brother because he's in university so when he learns he does it peacefully and when I join him it also gives me some peaceful time to myself."

Royal Alexandra & Albert School

2 Taking your VotePack further



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Click the image to watch a video of animals around the world reacting to lockdown!

The diary of...
Can you write a diary entry pretending to be one of these animals? Use the prompts to help you!



All the humans have just disappeared!



My dad thinks that they have been...

The humans also left behind...



Normally we have to.... but now we can...



It's incredible! We all decided to...



I hope that...



Dear diary,



The strangest thing has been happening!

The best thing about it is...



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2 Taking your VotePack further

Here in the UK, our slogan is: "Stay at home. Protect the NHS. Save lives."
But what slogan best describes life in your house?

STAY AT HOME 

PROTECT THE NHS

 **save lives**

Hint 1:

The VotesforSchools slogan is also made up of three things! Can you think of three things your family could do at the moment to make things better for your household?



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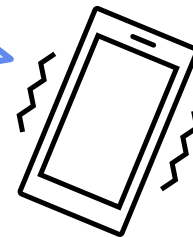
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Get creative!

Can you design your own Coronavirus slogan for your house? Use the hints to help you!

Hint 2:

The best slogans are made as a team! Share your ideas with a friend or family member and see what they think!



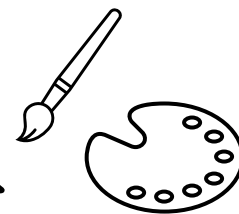
Hint 3:

Look around for slogans – can you find any on food packaging, toys or adverts?



Hint 4:

Turn your slogan into a poster to remind everyone what to do!



2 Taking your VotePack further

If I was Prime Minister...

Write a speech explaining all the things that you would change if you were Prime Minister. Remember to explain your reasons!

Hint:

If you're stuck, think about the environment, education or employment (jobs)!



Challenge:

Can you name each of the politicians shown?

The first thing I would change is...



This would be better because...



Some people might disagree, but...



The most important thing is...



Looking for fun?

Why not dress up in your fanciest clothes and record your PM speech? We'd love to see it!



3 Learn something new

Maths & English



Maths and English Lessons

Used in schools across the country, Hamilton usually provides Maths and English lessons for teachers. While you're at home though, they've made free home learning packs instead! Click the image to download yours.

Coding

Code.org

If you're stuck at home on your computer, why not give coding a go? code.org is offering free activities to help you learn HTML, JavaScript or CSS. Follow the link to find out more!



Natural History



Discover the Natural History Museum

Check out the National History Museum site for free resources to help you learn about everything from space to human evolution or even dinosaurs! Just go to their "Discover" page and take your pick.

3 Learn something new

Reading

Coronavirus: A book for children

Still struggling to get your head around Coronavirus? Illustrated by the same artist as The Gruffalo, Nosey Crow have created a free e-book to help us better understand what's happening. Click the image and have a read.

Coronavirus

A book for children



Nature



Project Learning Tree

Have a look at Project Learning Tree for some ideas of activities that will help you engage with nature and the world around you while you're out on walks, in your garden or even while you're inside! Follow the links for some great ideas.

Yoga

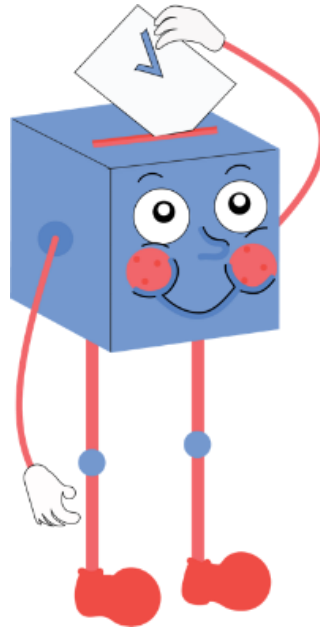
Yoga with Adriene

Feeling anxious, achy or need to be energised? Why not have a look at Yoga with Adrienne on YouTube as she does yoga targeted at all types of issues (it's also a lot of fun!). Click the link and give it a go.

YOGA WITH ADRIENE



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votesforschools.com/downloads



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