



## 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 or feel you are in a position to offer help please contact the corona kindness team at [helpneeded@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:helpneeded@blackpool.gov.uk) or [helpoffered@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:helpoffered@blackpool.gov.uk). If you need help call 0808 1963080. <https://www.blackpool.gov.uk/Campaigns/Coronavirus/Corona-Kindness.aspx>

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

### Hearing Impairment

The Royal Association for Deaf People have created a YouTube channel for families full of great arts & craft activities, baking ideas and information about wellbeing and mindfulness.



<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7zNi2HpED2if4OPTbIPcv2h7c6en1QsY>

They have also created more than 40 BSL signed stories. <http://tiny.cc/7peiqz>

If there are any books that you would like translated you can put in a request by contacting their Facebook page,

### Alphabet and Phonics

Why not get your child working on their alphabet, they could create their own alphabet arc by writing all the letters on pieces of paper. They could then use the letters to make words/spellings and names. Knowing the order of the alphabet can help them with their spelling and phonics when using the alphabet arc. They could then put object from the home in alphabetical order, put their family in alphabetical order.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlprvV2RB\\_Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WlprvV2RB_Y)

Visit phonics play for games and activities to support your child's phonics work.

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

### Speech, Language and Communication

Speech Link have a new parent support site for children with speech and language difficulties.



You will find videos of top tips, games and activities to try with your children. <https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

### Number work

Visit <http://www.mathematicshed.com/> for some great interactive games and activities.

Carol Vorderman is offering free access to her online Maths lessons and activities. There is a times tables check and objectives have been matched to the National Curriculum.

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

### Learning Disability Week 2020



Learning Disability Week 2020 will take place online from **15 to 21 June**.

The theme of the week is **the importance of friendships during lockdown**.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, we have all been living in lockdown. This means that many children and young people with a learning disability are feeling isolated, as they have been unable to see their friends. We know that people with a learning disability already experience high levels of loneliness and social isolation and that this may have been made worse by the lockdown.

To keep in line with the theme, teach your children about the importance of friendship, being a good friend is an important life skill and many of your children will be missing their friends, maybe

they could video call them or send them a picture or letter.

<https://raisinglifelonglearners.com/being-a-good-friend/>

Resources and books linked to Friendship can also be found at

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resource/t-t-6877-friendship-and-what-it-means-powerpoint>

Scope has published storybooks featuring disabled children. They are no longer available as printed books, but you can download the pdf versions.

<https://www.scope.org.uk/advice-and-support/storybooks-featuring-disabled-children/>