

COVID-19 - Advice for Schools

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Please find current [Public Health England advice on the Coronavirus in Education here](#) and [NHS Advice here](#).

We are endeavouring to support schools as best we can. There are many ways technology can help support remote working and delivering classroom content in the event of a school shutdown.

This is how PEL can support you remotely:

Remote Support

1. [PEL HelpDesk](#)
2. RMM - Remote Monitoring of devices
3. [Teamviewer](#) - get a one-time remote session for support
4. Telephone Support - call us on 01234 798 212 or 01234 436 156
5. E-mail - support@partnership.education
6. Setting up remote sessions into your network - VPN and RDP Sessions
7. Migrating data to the cloud to allow easy access

Advice and guidance

Below are some ways you can utilise various platforms to enable your school to maintain a level of communication and connectivity:

1. **School Website** - Ensure details and information is kept up to date regularly, with links to any of the below material and guidance
2. **Social Media** - Set up Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn or Instagram accounts to keep parents and students up to date
3. **Parent Communication Applications** - Ensure you have communication channels to parents
 - a. [Parent Mail](#)
 - b. [Teachers To Parents](#)
4. **Utilising Cloud Platforms**
 - a. **Google**
 - i. Review this [one-pager with tips for enabling distance learning](#) through G Suite
 - ii. Explore additional resources such as: [Docs Editors Help Center](#)
 - iii. [Google Classroom Help Center](#)
Google for Education Teacher Center (Learn about [distance learning strategies](#))

- iv. [Google Classroom](#)
- v. [Hangouts Meet - Use video conferencing facilities to deliver distance learning](#)

b. Microsoft Office 365

- i. Teams - a collaborative workspace for users within Office 365 - [Introduction to Teams](#)
- ii. Sharepoint - hosting of resources within Office 365 for student staff use - [What is Sharepoint?](#)
- iii. Class Notebook - Collaboration for students and teachers within are shared space for each classes - [Getting going with Class Notebook](#)

5. Cloud based Applications

- a. [Purple Mash](#)
- b. [Class Dojo](#)
- c. [TT Rockstars - Cloud Times Table](#)
- d. [ShowMyHomework](#)
- e. [Accelerated Reader](#)
- f. [GCSE Pod](#)
- g. [Discovery Education](#)
- h. [Tynker](#)

6. Telephony - [Cloud based VoIP systems](#) can allow you to redirect telephone calls from the main school extension to external mobile devices. If you would like to learn more about the features of such a system please contact your Account Manager.

7. Getting devices delivered to home addresses

Should you require to purchase PC's, Laptops, Chromebooks or Tablets, delivered to teachers (or pupils who may not have access to a device at home) home addresses, please contact sales@partnership-education to arrange pre-configured hardware and approved delivery methods.

Remote CPD Sessions

We can deliver remote CPD sessions using Google Hangouts with staff to train them on technologies which haven't necessarily been used before in order to help you deliver the curriculum remotely.

Should you need any help getting any of the above set up and configured within your schools, please contact us on: 01234 436 156 / contactus@partnership-education.com

Other useful Sites / Resources

- a. [Teacher Tools for COVID-19](#)
- b. [Blog release for Google](#)
- c. [Distance Learning Strategies](#)
- d. [School closure videos](#)
- e. <https://www.spongelephant.com/primarypupils/>
- f. <https://sites.google.com/westhillschools.org/wcsd-remoteteaching/>

FREE online education resources

A non-exhaustive list that might help those affected by school closures due to coronavirus

Khan Academy

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

BBC Learning

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/learning/coursesearch/>

This site is old and no longer updated and yet there's so much still available, from language learning to BBC Bitesize for revision. No TV licence required except for content on BBC iPlayer.

Futurelearn

<https://www.futurelearn.com>

Free to access 100s of courses, only pay to upgrade if you need a certificate in your name (own account from age 14+ but younger learners can use a parent account).

Seneca

<https://www.senecalearning.com>

For those revising at GCSE or A level. Tons of free revision content. Paid access to higher level material.

Openlearn

<https://www.open.edu/openlearn/>

Free taster courses aimed at those considering Open University but everyone can access it. Adult level, but some e.g. nature and environment courses could well be of interest to young people.

Blockly

<https://blockly.games>

Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.

Scratch

<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/>

Creative computer programming

Ted Ed

<https://ed.ted.com>

All sorts of engaging educational videos

National Geographic Kids

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

Duolingo

<https://www.duolingo.com>

Learn languages for free. Web or app.

Mystery Science

<https://mysteryscience.com>

Free science lessons

The Kids Should See This

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com>

Wide range of cool educational videos

Crash Course

<https://thecrashcourse.com>

You Tube videos on many subjects

Crash Course Kids

<https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids>

As above for a younger audience

Crest Awards

<https://www.crestawards.org>

Science awards you can complete from home.

iDEA Awards

<https://idea.org.uk>

Digital enterprise award scheme you can complete online.

Paw Print Badges

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

Free challenge packs and other downloads. Many activities can be completed indoors. Badges cost but are optional.

Tinkercad

<https://www.tinkercad.com>

All kinds of making.

Prodigy Maths

<https://www.prodigygame.com>

Is in U.S. grades, but good for UK Primary age.

Cbeebies Radio

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/radio>

Listening activities for the younger ones.

Nature Detectives

<https://naturedetectives.woodlandtrust.org.uk/naturedetect.../>

A lot of these can be done in a garden, or if you can get to a remote forest location!

British Council

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find>

Resources for English language learning

Oxford Owl for Home

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/>

Lots of free resources for Primary age

Big History Project

<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home>

Aimed at Secondary age. Multi disciplinary activities.

Geography Games

<https://world-geography-games.com/world.html>

Geography gaming!

Blue Peter Badges

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/about-blue-peter-badges>

If you have a stamp and a nearby post box.

The Artful Parent

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

Good, free art activities

Red Ted Art

<https://www.redtedart.com>

Easy arts and crafts for little ones

The Imagination Tree

<https://theimaginationtree.com>

Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.

Toy Theater

<https://toytheater.com/>

Educational online games

DK Find Out

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/...>

Activities and quizzes

Twinkl

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

This is more for printouts, and usually at a fee, but they are offering a month of free access to parents in the event of school closures.