



# VOTESFORSCHOOLS

## Home Learning Guide



**Be informed.**



**Be curious.**



**Be heard.**

# Welcome to VotesforSchools!



Each week, VotesforSchools provides lessons to students all over the country, asking them about the issues that they care about. Their votes are recorded and sent out to charities, organisations and 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 Engaging with every subject**

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



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# Top tips for learning at home



Learning from home can be difficult for everyone in the family, but we've got some top tips to keep you on track for the next few weeks.

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If you haven't already, **create a timetable** showing everybody when you will be working and when you will take regular breaks – these should be **5 to 15 minutes every hour**.

Day	9-9:50 am:	10-10:50 am:	11-11:50 am
Monday	PE	Maths	English
Tuesday	History	Art	PSHE



Geography



History



Science



PSHE



Music



Art

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English and maths are important, but **don't forget about the other subjects** too! Can you include these subjects in your timetable? There are some ideas for how you can keep learning these subjects on pages 9-11.

Religious Education



Physical Education

Modern Languages



# 1 Top tips for learning at home



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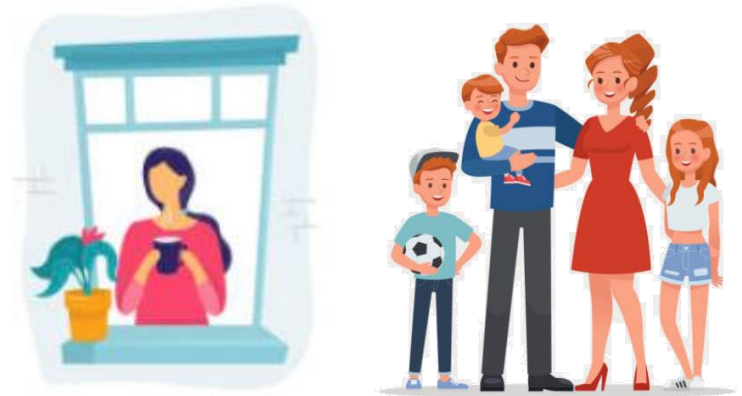
Sometimes, you might spend some **time learning to do other things**, like cooking, cleaning or doing something outdoors.

**This is okay** as you are **still learning** and **it's good to mix things up!**

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Working on your own can get quite lonely, so **make sure you spend some time with your family too!**

You could ask someone to do a lesson with you, or **make sure you talk to someone** when you're having a break!



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Just because you're not at school doesn't mean you can't **learn with friends!**

**Why not set up a video call with one of your classmates**, so you can do the work together?



## 2 Taking your VotePack further



### Can we learn more outside the classroom?

In your VotesforSchools lesson this week you will be discussing whether you can learn more without a classroom. **Use the ideas on the next few slides to put the idea to the test!**

#### Discuss at home:

- Your different experiences of school e.g. what you liked or didn't like.
- What your schooling experiences have been like the past few weeks.
- What you have learnt in the past without a classroom.
- Your opinions on the way schools are run.

#### Research points:

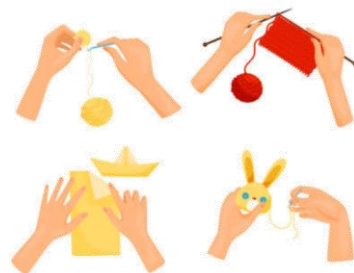
- Find a video discussing the benefits of home-schooling – do you agree?
- Look up different activities you can do around the home.
- What is procrastination – look it up, do you think this relates to you?
- What does the NHS recommend for dealing with anxiety surrounding COVID-19?

## 2 Taking your VotePack further



### Make a list!

Start your home learning journey by **making a list of all the things you would like to do while you're at home**. You can use some of the ideas on this page and add your own!



Use a YouTube tutorial to **learn something new**

Teach a member of your family something new



Cook a meal or **bake** something



Go through old things and give some to **charity**



Grow or build something

Teach your **pet** to do a trick



### For the whole family!

Ask everyone in your house to make a list too. Is there anything on your lists that are the same? What could you do together?



## 2 Taking your VotePack further



**Practise your art skills** by choosing something outside to draw.

**Go outside!**  
Do you have a garden or a balcony? Choose one of these ideas!

Try your hand at **descriptive writing**. Remember to use all of your senses.



Why not **try your hand at gardening**? You'll be surprised how much you learn!



If it's a nice day, why not just **grab a book** and read outside?

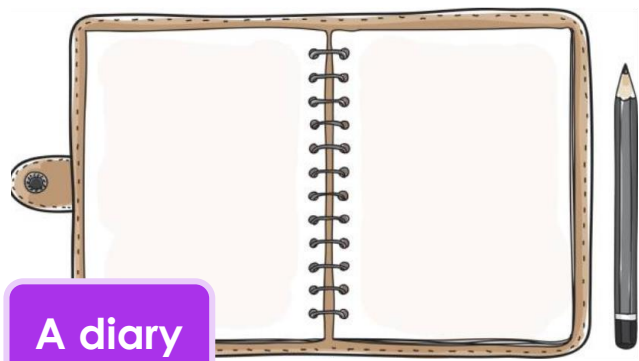


Using only outside materials, **try and create or build something new**.



**Staying indoors?**  
Which of these activities could you do inside?

## 2 Taking your VotePack further



A diary

### Write it out!

It can be hard not seeing your friends and family at the moment, but writing can make you feel much better! Why not try one of these activities?

**Stranger than fiction?** This is a new experience for everybody which will be spoken about for years. **Why not write down your experiences? You could make history!**

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A poem

**Click the image to hear a poem** written by Fr. Richard Hendrick titled "Lockdown". **Could you write a poem about the current situation?**



A letter

Is there somebody that you are missing? Or someone you would like to talk to? **Write them a letter!** It could be handwritten, emailed or texted.



## Engaging with every subject

### English and Maths

Stuck on a maths question? Or needing to brush up on your compound sentence? During this pandemic, **IXL have made all of their resources free**, covering thousands of skills for students in every year group. **Click the image to start learning.**

Recommended time: 1 hour per day.



### Reading



It's likely that you're reading a range of instructions and information online each day already. If you're in need of a break, you could try listening to **a free audiobook** from World Book Day. **Click the image** to see which books they have!

Recommended time: 20 minutes of reading per day.

### Science

Everything from gardening to seeing how food is cooked is a type of science that you can do at home! However, if you're looking for some more interesting facts, **click the image for some great videos!**

Recommended time: 1 hour per week



# Engaging with every subject

## History



Want to know what your town or city used to look like? **Click the image**, type in a city, state or country and you can view an **archive of historical pictures** of that place.

Recommended 1 hour per week

## Geography

You can learn lots about the world just by watching TV! **Click the image to watch an episode of Planet Earth**. For a challenge, keep a note of all the countries that you see in each episode.



Recommended 1 hour per week

## Computing



**Learning how to type** can help you in many ways – from completing homework faster to sending a message in a hurry! **Click the image** to start improving your skills!

Recommended 1 hour per week

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# Engaging with every subject

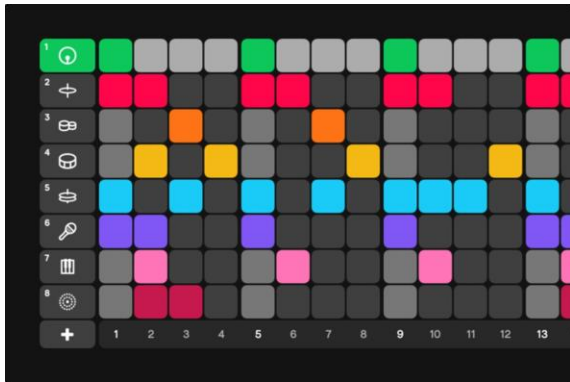
## Religious Education (RE)

Religious buildings may be closed right now, but you can still find out about beliefs around the world. Use **these BBC clips to brush up on your knowledge on the six most popular religions.**



Recommended 1 hour per week.

## Music



Ever wanted to make your own music? Now you can! **Splice Sounds lets you create your own tracks, just by clicking the coloured squares.** Click the image to try it out.

Recommended 1 hour per week.

## Physical Education (PE)

Being home does not mean being unfit. At the moment, hundreds of trainers and celebrities are **streaming workouts for free** – **click the image** to go straight to Joe Wicks' YouTube channel.

Recommended 2 hours per week.



**You can find more of our resources at ...**

[votesforschools.com/downloads](https://votesforschools.com/downloads)



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