

Useful website links

www.bbc.co.uk/newsround

BBC's Newsround programme – updated daily with news items, starting points for discussion

www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/shows/horrible-histories

BBC's Horrible Histories – history programmes and supporting activities

www.oxfordowl.co.uk/

Literacy and reading activities

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

National Geographic's site for children – activities for all areas of the curriculum

www.educationcity.com/

Activities and resources – all curriculum areas

www.twinkl.co.uk/

Activities for all areas of the curriculum (1 month free membership)

<https://pages.sumdog.com/>

Sumdog – Maths games for all ages

www.themathsfactor.com/

The Maths Factor – Maths activities and games for all ages

<https://thekidshouldseethis.com/>

STEM activities

www.doorwayonline.org.uk/

Free educational games

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zvyc7nb>

Literacy (P1-4)

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

Literacy (P1-4)

www.getepic.com/promo

Epic – books for children (free for 30 days)

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Audible books – free stories for children

www.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/ecoschools/athome

Eco Schools at Home

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/50-things-to-do-before-youre-11-activity-list>

Activities from the National Trust

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

History (P5-7)

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

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

<http://www.communication4all.co.uk/HomePage.htm>
SfL

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>
Activities for all curricular areas

<https://learnenglishkids.britishcouncil.org/resources>
Literacy

<https://www.teachhandwriting.co.uk/key-stage-1-handwriting.html>
Handwriting

<https://www.mydso.com/dso-kids/learn-and-listen>
Classical music clips, videos and activities including build your own instrument

www.fischytunes.com
Fischy Music – for log-in details click [here](#)

Virtual Tours

With museums and art galleries being closed the opportunities to get out of the house and to marvel at the ingenuity and creativity of the human brain are a bit limited.

Fear not! The following museums and galleries offer free online tours and exhibits. Why not spend an hour virtually wandering through each of the following list and seeing where that might take you?

National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh

A fixture in Chambers Street since 1866 the National Museum holds collections of national and international importance, preserving them, interpreting them and making them accessible to as many people as possible. You can [tour the museum using Google's Street View](#).

British Museum, London

This iconic museum located allows virtual visitors to tour the Great Court and discover the ancient Rosetta Stone and Egyptian mummies. You can also find hundreds of artefacts on the virtual tour.

[Explore the British Museum, London](#)

Guggenheim Museum, New York

Google's Street View feature lets visitors tour the Guggenheim's famous spiral staircase without ever leaving home. From there, you can discover incredible

works of art from the Impressionist, Post-Impressionist, Modern and Contemporary eras.

[Explore the Guggenheim Museum](#)

National Gallery of Art, Washington DC

This famous American art museum features two online exhibits through Google. The first is an exhibit of American fashion from 1740 to 1895, including many renderings of clothes from the colonial and Revolutionary eras. The second is a collection of works from Dutch Baroque painter Johannes Vermeer.

[Explore the National Gallery of Art](#)

Musée d'Orsay, Paris

You can virtually walk through this popular gallery that houses dozens of famous works from French artists who worked and lived between 1848 and 1914. Get a peek at artworks from Monet, Cézanne, and Gauguin, among others.

[Explore the Musée d'Orsay, Paris](#)

National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Seoul

One of Korea's popular museums can be accessed from anywhere around the world. Google's virtual tour takes you through six floors of Contemporary art from Korea and all over the globe.

[Explore the National Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Korea](#)

Pergamon Museum, Berlin

As one of Germany's largest museums, Pergamon has a lot to offer - even if you can't physically be there. This historical museum is home to plenty of ancient artifacts including the Ishtar Gate of Babylon and, of course, the Pergamon Altar.

[Explore Pergamon Museum](#)

Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam

Explore the masterworks from the Dutch Golden Age, including works from Vermeer and Rembrandt. Google offers a Street View tour of this iconic museum, so you can feel as if you're actually wandering its halls.

[Explore Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam](#)

Van Gogh Museum, Amsterdam

Anyone who is a fan of this tragic, ingenious painter can see his works up close (or, almost up close) by virtually visiting this museum - the largest collection of artworks by Vincent van Gogh, including over 200 paintings, 500 drawings, and over 750 personal letters.

[Explore the Van Gogh Museum](#)

The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles

European artworks from as far back as the 8th Century can be found in this California art museum. Take a Street

[Explore The J. Paul Getty Museum](#)

View tour to discover a huge collection of paintings, drawings, sculptures, manuscripts, and photographs.	
Uffizi Gallery, Florence This less well-known gallery houses the art collection of one of Florence, Italy's most famous families, the de'Medici. The building was designed by Giorgio Vasari in 1560 specifically for Cosimo I de'Medici, but anyone can wander its halls from anywhere in the world.	Explore the Uffizi Gallery

<https://padlet.com/grahamandre07/onlineHltimetable>

Preparing to Learn at Home

Being able to learn at home is critical and part of this is being prepared by forward planning and managing distractions.

The biggest challenge that pupils will face is not their ability to learn but the items set out below. Parents and carers have a crucial role to play in helping young people navigate this type of learning especially in the early days as they adapt and manage their way around their changing learning activities and environment. Taking 10 minutes each day to discuss the points below will give your child the best chance of maximising their learning in this environment and give them a skill that will benefit them for the rest of their lives

Planning their Learning

Pupils should use the learning grids as a guide for what to work on each day. This will help with their planning and help them to track what they have done. Younger pupils will need more support with this and this is a good opportunity for parents and carers to talk about learning with their child. If possible, it would be good to sit down with your child each evening to discuss what they have done.

Managing Distractions

The home is full of distractions – Playstations, Xbox, Netflix, phones – the list is endless! Part of planning their learning for the day ahead is about creating a space that is away from these things and will enable focus and time for your child to learn uninterrupted. Putting a phone on silent, or even switching it off, for a wee while would also be a good idea.

Researching and Seeking New Information

Encourage your child to find out answers for themselves if they aren't sure. The internet has lots of relevant and useful sites that will provide information and knowledge so please encourage your child to ask Google and to remember to check multiple sites and not just accept the opinion of one.

What will Teachers Do?

Whilst teachers will not be in constant contact online they will respond to questions as quickly as possible. Email Admin.Gylemuir@edin.sch.uk and your query will be forwarded onto the relevant member of staff.

Teachers will post the intended learning that reflects the planning agreed upon at each stage, developing skills and knowledge relevant to pupil's age and stage of development.

Teachers may also set deadlines for some pieces of work that take account of the flexibility and different circumstances each family will need in these challenging times.

Support and Guidance

During the period of closure, there will be many layers of support that people require. If your child needs support or you wish to contact the school about anything else please email Admin.Gylemuir@edin.sch.uk or click the **CONTACT** link on the website. The most appropriate member of staff will be in touch with you.

Online Safety

With children likely to spending more time online accessing learning activities, it's important to bear in mind the importance of staying safe online. **ThinkUKnow**, the online-safety education programme set up by the **National Crime Agency**, has created downloadable packs with 15 minute activities for parents to do with their children. There are different activities for school ages and they will be updated every fortnight.

You can access them on the page link below:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/