



DILS News



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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK: School closed for the majority of children from Friday 20th March until further notice.

We hope everyone is keeping safe and well at home as our school closure continues. We will still be sending out weekly newsletters to keep you all updated and please check the Home Learning page on our website for ideas to support your child at home. There are also links to helpful home learning sites at the bottom of this newsletter.

The next planned review of lockdown by the Government is Thursday 7 May. We will update our families with the latest guidance next week through our newsletter.

IDEAS FOR HOME LEARNING

From the day that they are born children develop and learn something new every day. It may be something big like taking a first step, or something very small such as realising your mum was once a little girl or a successful conversation happens when people also listen.

All learning is important. All learning helps in the development of your child in some way, supporting your child to become a well-balanced and happy individual.

Teachers know that home schooling is a challenge. We understand that when every person in your family may be trying to access online technology at the same time, online time can be very limited. So why not try other types of learning.

Challenges which will give your child a huge sense of achievement and confidence. Here are ten challenges for this week's lockdown – how many can you and your child achieve?

1. Ride your bike on you own
2. Tie your laces
3. Read an analogue clock (a clock with numbers in a circle and hands/pointers) - what can you do?
O'clock, half past, quarter past etc
4. Make your own healthy sandwich and eat it all
5. Make a healthy sandwich for someone else
6. Peel a boiled egg or peel an orange on your own
7. Skip without a skipping rope
8. Skip with a skipping rope
9. Measure a room in your house using only a part of your body - (can you measure something outside?)
10. Fold your own clean laundry and put it away

Share your active learning achievements with your teacher, family or friends. You could even send in photos!

FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND ADVICE

Families registered for **Free School Meals** through Central Bedfordshire will receive the Government free school meal food vouchers worth £15 per child on a weekly basis, until schools re-open. If you think your family are entitled to Free School Meals including families of children from Reception to Y4, please follow the link below or contact the Central Beds representatives on **0300 300 8306**. If your child is younger than Y3 and you are unsure if you are entitled to Free School Meal status, please contact the local authority for more information.

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/53/benefits/4/free_school_meals/3

Parents seeking financial advice - For families who are struggling financially can follow the link below for information and advice:

https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/26/public_health/737/coronavirus_-_covid-19/8

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information and resources for parents/carers: follow the link below for general advice about COVID-19 from Central Bedfordshire Council:

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HOME LEARNING:

The School website is now full of wonderful learning activities and ideas for you to do at home:

- **Activities and learning that you can tune into from home page**

You will find live channels that you can tune into for some home learning like astronomy space science, marine biology etc

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Activities+and+learning+that+you+can+tune+into+from+home&pid=84>

- Home Learning ICT with Mr P message to parents about home learning video

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=49>

- Year 3 & 4 support with French page - resources and videos

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Year+3+%26amp%3B+4+%2D+Support+with+French&pid=93>

- News & Events: **ARTS EXPERIENCE - The National Theatre is going to stream a free play every Thursday night at 7pm on their Youtube channel.**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=News+%26amp%3B+Events&pid=3>

- **Come to read and learn with us**

You will find links to videos from our **YouTube** channel and other links to support reading;

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Come+to+read+and+learn+with+us%21&pid=81>

- School **YouTube** channel

Subscribe to see your DILS staff reading and showing fun learning challenges

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCEBbq7KAgMEimG4DoFqQB5A?view_as=subscriber

- **Isolation** - Fun activities and ideas to help children stay entertained

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Isolation+%2D+Fun+activities+and+ideas+to+do+at+home&pid=83>

- **Our Home Learning Gallery**

You will find pictures of children's home learning. **If you are sending in photos, please be aware that these will be shared on our website.**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/gallery/?pid=49&gcatid=4>

- **PE with Joe Wicks and other ideas page**

You will find links to Joe's videos and attached are some PE activities and challenges to try at home

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=PE+with+Joe+Wicks+and+other+ideas&pid=79>

- **Science - Learning at home page**

You will find science resources

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Science+%2D+Learning+at+home&pid=80>

- **E-safety guidance on the new popular app 'House Party'**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=E%2DSafety&pid=73&action=saved>

E-Safety - www.dunstableicknield.co.uk

- **Mental health / mindfulness for children and parents page**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Mental+Health+%2F+Mindfulness+for+children+and+parents&pid=96>

includes videos of staff, resources and website links to support parents and children

- A message from the Central Beds library - things you can tune into

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Activities+and+learning+that+you+can+tune+into+from+home&pid=84&action=saved>

- **ICT policies updated and uploaded to policy section of website**

Recent additions to the School Website:

- **BBC bitesize daily link and timetable**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=49>

- **non-screen activities to try at home**

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Isolation+%2D+Fun+activities+and+ideas+to+do+at+home&pid=83>

- science habitats lesson video -

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Science+%2D+Learning+at+home&pid=80&action=saved>

- Mental health advice -

<https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Mental+Health+%2F+Mindfulness+for+children+and+parent+s&pid=96&action=saved>

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- **StarLine** is a national home learning helpline offering expert information and advice to parents and carers - <https://www.starline.org.uk/>
- <https://www.dunstableicknield.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=49&action=saved>
- **The Maths Factor**
<https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

This is a maths education website set up by Carol Vorderman. It contains videos, tutorials and games on different aspects of maths. It was originally set up for children who struggle with maths and/ or have Special Educational Needs. However, it is regularly accessed by children of all abilities and children enjoy the fun approach to maths that it provides.

During the school closure, Carol Vorderman has made this website free for all to access.

School Vacancies (we continue to plan for school life after Coronavirus):

- **Midday Supervisors** – We have opportunities for relief lunchtime work at our school. You will be supervising children in the dining hall and be responsible for ensuring the safety, welfare and good conduct of pupils during the midday break. If you are interested in this position and would like more information, please call the school office on 01582 663709 and ask for Mrs White, or email our school office on dunstable@icknieldlower.bedssch.co.uk