

VISION SUPPORT TEAM – INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/CARERS



Dear Parents/Carers,

During this period of school closure, we would like to ensure that the visually impaired children and young people we support have continued access to learning and leisure. This information leaflet signposts you to some accessible websites and activities which you may find useful in supporting your son's/daughter's learning throughout this time.

These are suggestions only; we simply want to make sure that all children and young people are able to access the work they have been sent by their schools. Generally speaking, your child will be able to access online documents by pressing CTRL +/- to increase and decrease font size.

VICTA PARENT PORTAL <https://www.victa.org.uk/introducing-victa-parent-portal/> 'A one stop information hub for all parents and carers raising a child who is blind or partially sighted.'

FITNESS:

Blind Sport activities <https://britishblindsport.org.uk/stay-in-work-out/>

Eyes-Free Fitness® <https://www.blindalive.com/>

A selection of audio-described exercise classes free to download.

10 Minute Shakeups: <https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>

Small physical games based around Disney characters. Fun ideas for outside games, easy to set up (don't need lots of equipment).

READING:

BBC2 – 500 words <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/KNWsKPrg7stQ54tTbcf6P7/500-words-the-stories> A selection of narrated short stories written by children between the ages of 5 and 13.

RNIB Talking Books <https://www.rnib.org.uk/talking-books-service> Free audio books available in the following formats: DAISY CD, USB stick or digital download. Call Helpline on 0303 123 9999 or email helpline@rnib.org.uk

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Oxford Owl eBook Library (including Oxford Reading Tree) <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk> Register with website to get 100 free eBooks with audio and zoom function for children aged 3-11 including fiction and non-fiction.

World of David Walliams <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com> Free audio story from World's Worst Children at 11am every day for 30 days from Monday 23rd March 2020.

Audible <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen> Audible are making their collection of children's stories, including titles across six different languages, free to stream on desktop, laptop, phone or tablet while schools are closed.

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GENERAL LEARNING:

Gov.uk list of online education resources

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>



BBC Bitesize bbc.com/bitesize A comprehensive resource, broken down into school years and then subjects, from age 3 to 16+. A daily TV show is available on the red button on BBC TV, or on BBC iPlayer at any time. There are six different 20-minute shows every morning (one for each age group). 9 am for primary-aged students. 10 am secondary-aged students.

The Oak National Academy www.thenational.academy An online classroom with lessons across the curriculum, for years reception to year 10. The content works well on a tablet.

iPHONE/iPAD APPS:

Dolphin EasyReader <https://apps.apple.com/gb/app/dolphin-easyreader/id1161662515>

Use your RNIB Bookshare and RNIB Overdrive (Talking Books) accounts to download accessible reading books and audio books.

Libby, by Overdrive <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/libby-by-overdrive/id1076402606>

For all Leicester Library members.

Microsoft Office Lens <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/microsoft-office-lens-pdf-scan/id975925059>

Use the app to scan text then save as a Word document or use Immersive Reader (uses Wi-Fi) to modify the text to large print/high contrast on the screen, with speech if required.

Accessibility Features <https://www.apple.com/uk/accessibility/iphone/vision/> for information on VoiceOver and other accessibility features.

Slapstack Math <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/slapstack-math/id1209184917> There is a short video with the app to teach the gestures for play for this reaction game for all.

Practice2Master Fractions <https://apps.apple.com/us/app/practice2master-fractions/id1257764758> Practise +, -, x, ÷ fraction calculations. VoiceOver compatible.

TYPING PRACTICE AND KEYBOARD SHORTCUTS:

BBC Dance Mat <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zf2f9j6/articles/z3c6tfr> typing practice for young children.

Space Bar Invaders and other fun typing games <https://www.freetypinggame.net/play9.asp>

Typing Club <https://www.typingclub.com>

Windows shortcut keys <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/12445/windows-keyboard-shortcuts>

Narrator keyboard navigation <https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/22808> information on how to use Narrator in Windows 10.

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