

# NEWSLETTER

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## Sensory Impairment Service

As you may be aware due to the Coronavirus outbreak our service has been advised to cancel all non-essential visits to schools, settings and parental homes until further notice. We can reassure you that despite the rapidly changing situation SENS staff are working hand in hand with schools to ensure they have any accessible learning resources that can also be shared with families for remote learning. We remain contactable over the coming weeks during term time via email or a phone.

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## Remote Learning Resources



Please find below links and resources that can be accessed from school or home that may help your child with remote learning. Whilst the resources can be used by anyone some of them are designed specifically with children with sensory impairment in mind.

The links for professionals and/or parents may be of use to all adults. Many of the providers of information to professional information are also making their resources available to parents currently.

The SENS team will help to build resources that may be of help to you at this difficult time. Please feel free to try out a few of the following ideas either at home or school. We hope you find them of some use and that the children enjoy them.

## Learning/Educational Resources

### Vision Impairment

RNIB Bookshare – Accessible books for children with vision impairment

<https://www.rnibbookshare.org/cms/>

Seeingear – A charity dedicated to help those who want to read but are unable to use printed books

<http://www.seeingear.org/>

Doorway Online – Touch typing tutorial with audio and visual instruction alongside accessible educational games

<https://www.doorwayonline.org.uk/>

Positive Eye – Fun activities, resources and inspiration

<https://www.positiveeye.co.uk/general-news/activity-shares-for-families-and-professionals-covoid19/>

<https://britishblindsport.org.uk/stay-in-work-out/> - audio exercise programmes

Little Bear Sees – <https://littlebearses.org/cvi-resources/> - to provide families in need with the information, products and tools to help their children with cortical visual impairment (CVI) learn to see.

Metro Blind Sport -

<https://www.metroblindsport.org/audio-exercise-programs/?fbclid=IwAR0FfDoVUgBvkCZhfyKuj4i0jP8ijCqUvUqe5-C6WS0yotWZM56-efnfO5g>

Amber Trust – Providing musical opportunities for blind and partially sighted children and children with more complex needs

<https://www.ambertrust.org/>

## Hearing Impairment

Deaf Books

<http://www.deafbooks.co.uk/>

ITV Signed Stories

<https://www.signedstories.com/>

This is an information and advice course for parents of baby, toddlers and pre-school children.

<https://letslistenandtalk.org/>

This is the Makaton 'Singing Hands' Youtube channel. They are doing live Makaton sessions Monday to Friday at 10.30.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSgfgkristwvJft3BNN-NYQ>

A link to the Baby Beats App to support listening and brain stimulation.

<https://apps.apple.com/za/app/babybeats-resource/id1258901720>

A host of free, fun activities and resources to support the development of speech, language, and listening skills in people of all ages with a hearing loss.

<https://thelisteningroom.com/>

## General Resources

HelpKidzlearn – Games and activities including those for children with CVI

[https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/shop/online-software/games-and-activities?utm\\_source=forum&utm\\_medium=referral&utm\\_campaign=html5update&utm\\_content=countingsongs2](https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/shop/online-software/games-and-activities?utm_source=forum&utm_medium=referral&utm_campaign=html5update&utm_content=countingsongs2)

Chatterpack – Home learning resource list in all curriculum areas for schools and families

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

Busy Things – Learn through play games and activities for ages 3 – 11, (Note special offer to families for 1 month)

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

If you have a library card you can access a range of online resources including access to ebooks and audio books:

[https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201219/libraries/2384/247\\_online\\_library\\_services/3](https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201219/libraries/2384/247_online_library_services/3)

Sensory and Messy play activities for children with additional needs

<https://www.empoweringlittleminds.co.uk/resources->

[1?fbclid=IwAR2AInVCXXW\\_ZMOg4I3Xdynlze8fEwmRnUXe2b8i1rivmM17eSb1D9RpCuc](https://www.facebook.com/lwAR2AInVCXXW_ZMOg4I3Xdynlze8fEwmRnUXe2b8i1rivmM17eSb1D9RpCuc) –

Listening activities for the younger ones.

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

This page has links to a range of resources that can be accessed from home to support children with complex needs.

<https://www.callscotland.org.uk/blog/complex-needs-home-learning-resources/>

Tacpac draws together touch and music to create a structured half hour of sensory communication between two people.

<https://www.rosewoodfreeschool.org.uk/information/tac-pacs/>

AVUK is a charity that support preschool deaf children and their parents and they have started a lovely Activity of the Day on their website.

<https://www.avuk.org/family-portal>

A BBC website covering all curriculum areas for all ages.

[www.bitesize.co.uk](http://www.bitesize.co.uk)

This is a free online storytelling website for younger children.

[www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)

## Free Live Sessions online – suitable for children with SEND

The sessions below happen on one or more of the following platforms: YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Vimeo, Zoom. The organiser's Facebook page is often a good place to find out about the sessions. Their YouTube link usually stores previous sessions, and most live sessions are also streamed live there. Some of the sessions may not be accessible - especially the fitness and dance sessions - but *all* of them foster a sense of fun, purpose, structure and connection. All are available to watch after the event. This list will be updated throughout the closure period.

Live Time	Duration	Session	Website (Look for social media links in corner of homepage)
9.00	30 mins 20 mins	Fitness sessions from Joe Wicks, The Body Coach  Fitness sessions from Jump Start Jonny	<a href="https://www.thebodycoach.com/">https://www.thebodycoach.com/</a>  <a href="https://www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/">https://www.jumpstartjonny.co.uk/</a>
10.00	20 mins	Play sessions from Play Hooray	<a href="https://playhooray.co.uk/">https://playhooray.co.uk/</a>
10.30	?	Singing and stories with Makaton signing from Singing Hands	<a href="https://singinghands.co.uk/">https://singinghands.co.uk/</a>
11.00	10 mins	Fine motor skills sessions from Griffin Occupational Therapy	<a href="https://www.griffinot.com/">https://www.griffinot.com/</a>
11.30	30 mins	Dance sessions from Oti Mabuse	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/mosetsanagape">https://www.youtube.com/user/mosetsanagape</a>
1.30	15 mins	Dance sessions from DDMIX	<a href="https://diversedancemix.com/">https://diversedancemix.com/</a>
2.00	30 mins 15 mins 60 mins	[Mondays and Thursdays] Sensory making sessions from Sensory Spectacle  [Tuesdays and Thursdays] Massage stories from the Story Massage Programme  [Tuesdays and Saturdays] Singing sessions from Soundabout	<a href="https://www.sensoryspectacle.co.uk/">https://www.sensoryspectacle.co.uk/</a>  <a href="https://www.storymassage.co.uk/">https://www.storymassage.co.uk/</a>  <a href="https://www.soundabout.org.uk/">https://www.soundabout.org.uk/</a>
4.00	Varied	[Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays] Story workshops from Positive Eye's Idea Machine	<a href="https://www.positiveeye.co.uk/">https://www.positiveeye.co.uk/</a>
7.00 GMT	60 mins	Dance sessions from Kidz Bop (USA)	<a href="https://kidzbop.co.uk/">https://kidzbop.co.uk/</a>

## Emotional Health and Wellbeing Resources

Mind

<https://www.mind.org.uk/>

Young Minds

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>

Look UK – Help, support and information for visually impaired young people

<https://www.look-uk.org/>

The Buzz - The website for deaf young people

<https://www.buzz.org.uk/staying-positive-during-covid-19/>

An information and support resource from the National Deaf Children's Society (NDCS).

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/information-and-support/parenting-and-family-life/emotional-health-and-wellbeing>

Looking after yourself, looking after your children.

[https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/ealing/directory/files/looking\\_after\\_yourself\\_looking\\_after\\_your\\_children.pdf](https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/ealing/directory/files/looking_after_yourself_looking_after_your_children.pdf) -

### Links for adults to further advice, support and information

#### Vision Impairment

RNIB

<https://www.rnib.org.uk/>

Guide Dogs UK

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/>

<https://www.positiveeye.co.uk/general-news/activity-shares-for-families-and-professionals-covid19/>

Zoom – A guide to zoom cloud meetings for people with vision impairment

<https://mosen.org/zoom/>

Objective Ed - Free online distance learning

<https://www.objectiveed.com/distance>

NatSip SEND Central team and VICTAR – Videos for use in initial teacher training

<https://www.sendgateway.org.uk/whole-school-send/find-wss-resources/nqt-videos.html>

## **Hearing Impairment**

Coronavirus and support for deaf children from the NDCS.

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/blog/coronavirus-and-support-for-deaf-children-information-for-families/>

The NDCS Youtube channel has a range of video content that families and deaf young people may find useful.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCi6DvQHbWiFqcQuNabqMO6w>

Hearing First exists to support families and professionals on the Listening and Spoken Language (LSL) journey

<https://hearingfirst.org/>

This is a free Level 1 BSL course from Doncaster Deaf Trust that staff/parents may want to register for.

<https://www.doncasterdeafsign.org.uk/>

This NDCS page has links to supporting your child's learning at home.

<https://www.ndcs.org.uk/information-and-support/language-and-communication/supporting-your-childs-learning/>

This BATOD (British Association for Teachers of the Deaf) website has links to different resources that parents may find useful.

<https://www.batod.org.uk/resource/suggested-resources-from-batod-members/>

An information sheet on support at home for parents of babies.

<http://btckstorage.blob.core.windows.net/site14723/At%20home%20with%20little%20ones.pdf>

## Health Resources and Contacts

### **Moorfields Ophthalmology**

Moorfields Family Liaison Team, City Road, advise that they will contact you if there is any change to your child's appointment. If you do need to speak to them for any other reason, they are available on - 0207 608 3677

### **Heart of Hounslow Children's Hearing Clinic**

Routine appointments are currently on hold and will need to be rescheduled.

If patients and families require support with their equipment they should contact the clinic using the details below.

Please leave a message with the request if the phone goes to voicemail and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Tel: 020 3771 6030

Email: [hrch.audiology@nhs.net](mailto:hrch.audiology@nhs.net)

Details of guidance from other audiology clinics and implant centres are outlined in a separate attachment.

## Audiology Troubleshooting At Home

This resource explains how to maintain and troubleshoot hearing aids.

<https://www.starkey.co.uk/hearing-aid-use-and-care/maintenance-and-troubleshooting>

This explains how to carry out the Ling sounds check to ensure amplification equipment is working properly.

<https://blog.medel.com/all-about-the-ling-six-sound-test/>

Here is some remote troubleshooting advice for your processor, as there may be a quick fix:

Advanced bionics:

<https://advancedbionics.com/uk/en/home/support/troubleshooting-guide.html>

Cochlear:

<https://www.cochlear.com/sg/home/support>

Med-El:

<https://www.medel.com/ca/troubleshooting/>

Oticon:

<https://www.oticon.com/support>