



Dear parents/guardians,

The teaching staff of Kenwick School have collated a range of resources to support your child's learning while you have chosen to keep them at home. All of these resources are free, or due to the current situation, are offering parents short term free access to what is normally a paid service.

We hope you find this information useful and look forward to seeing your child back at school in the future.

Subscription services offering free access

Twinkl - are offering a one month free membership for parents to access their resources from home. Head to www.twinkl.com.au/offer and enter the code CVDTWINKLHELPS. There is also support for parents to learn how to navigate the site and resources at <https://www.twinkl.com.au/blog/how-to-utilise-twinkl-during-the-coronavirus-shutdown-a-guide-for-schools>.

Teach Starter - are offering a free one month subscription to its premium service, Teach Starter Plus. You just need to sign up for a free account, then go to the following link to access the free month membership <https://www.teachstarter.com/freeplus/>. The site also has some put together 'learning from home packs' that can be found here <https://www.teachstarter.com/au/blog/covid-19-teach-starters-support-for-schools-teachers-parents-students-affected/#section-2>

Education.com - are offering additional resources from its premium section to all free tier members. These include stay at home work packs, interactive games and other activities across all curriculum areas. You can sign up for a free account at www.education.com, then browse their library for resources. There are also stay at home kits available at <https://www.education.com/workbooks/independent/?cid=10.174>

ABC Reading Eggs - This is a resource from the ABC that uses engaging and interactive activities to support the development of reading skills. The program starts with pre reading skills and builds all the way to 11-12 year old reading level. Parents can access a 30-day free trial at <https://readingeggs.com.au/>

ABC Mathseeds - This is a resource from the ABC that uses engaging and interactive activities to teach core math and problem solving skills from ages 3 to 9. Mathseeds combines highly structured lessons with fun motivational elements that keep children engaged and keen to learn. Parents can access a 30-day free trial at <https://mathseeds.com.au/>

StudyLadder - StudyLadder is a site that provides educational resources across a wide range of subjects. StudyLadder covers many subjects including the major subjects of Mathematics, English and Science. Parents can sign up for basic access to StudyLadder for free at <https://www.studyladder.com.au/>

Vooks - is an online streamed library of read-aloud animated storybooks. There is a huge range of books on the site covering a massive range of topics. Parents are currently being offered a 30 day free trial to the program at this link https://www.vooks.com/join?gclid=Cj0KCQjwjcFzBRCHARIsAO-1_OpRWAZ1hm637HM_aCYTqR9XoBYpdFwt8c0db71d4pIxIR5Y1-bzsNoaAoHeEALw_wcB

Additional web-based resources

ABC's Behind the News (BTN) Behind the News offers a short, weekly 20 minute video highlighting news and current affairs from the past week, with language and stories aimed at primary school children. The videos are updated on every Tuesday during the school term and can be found here <https://www.abc.net.au/btn/classroom/>. There is also a teacher resource section that contains activities related to each week's video here <https://www.abc.net.au/btn/teachers/>

Scholastic - The Scholastic books website has a resource section for parents who have children at home over this period, which can be found at www.scholastic.com/learnathome. The site has prepared 20 days of stories, videos and activities that can be searched by student year level.

Virtual Tours/live videos - Virtual tours can be a great way to keep students engaged at home, while also providing them with educational outcomes. We've listed some popular animal-themed tours below, but there are many out there if you search through Google.

- San Diego Zoo - <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/videos>
- Atlanta Zoo panda cam - <https://zooatlanta.org/panda-cam/>

- Houston Zoo - <https://www.houstonzoo.org/explore/webcams/rhino-yard-cam/>
- Monterey Bay Aquarium - <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/animals/live-cams>
- Georgia Aquarium - <https://www.georgiaaquarium.org/webcam/ocean-voyager/>

YouTube Channels

Mr Thorne Does Phonics - This video series is themed around the character of Geraldine the Giraffe, and is aimed at teaching students phonics, grammar and a range of other literacy skills, with videos focusing on a wide range of ability levels.

Jack Hartmann - This video series has lots of videos that can be used to teach letter names, sounds, sight words, counting skills and a range of other subjects. The videos are high energy, engaging and designed to encourage physical movement as well as learning - <https://www.youtube.com/user/JackHartmann/videos>

AlphaBlocks - The AlphaBlocks videos start 26 characters, each representing a letter of the alphabet. They introduce letter names and sounds, and also have similar videos for number https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_qs3c0ehDvZkbiEbOj6Drg

StoryBots - The StoryBots videos cover a massive range of topics in a colourful, engaging manner. They are great as a way to prompt a writing activity or establish a theme for an activity. <https://www.youtube.com/user/storybots>

Cosmic Kids Yoga - This video series teaches yoga, mindfulness and relaxation for kids. Interactive adventures which build strength, balance and confidence - and get kids into yoga and mindfulness early. <https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga/>

Additional Resources

Boardmaker - is the software that we use in school to make all our visual timetables to ensure consistency of icons across classrooms. The program is available to use online and offers a 30 day free trial at <https://goboardmaker.com/>.

Social Stories - Below are links to a number of social stories that you may wish to use to help explain the ongoing situation with your child. We often use social stories within school to prepare for events that are a change in the regular school routine, or to help students with activities that they find stressful.

- https://paautism.org/resource/coronavirus-social-story/?fbclid=IwAR3ax_A0g3D4q65twolUbKqVB6UWF4beD-IVO3TRXq6zNRlwe8BtgSda8Ww
- https://www.ppmid.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/The-Corona-Virus-Free-Printable-Updated-2-The-Autism-Educator-.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3Q9hDsD4sdWXWQVKpu7j_xtcTC6ciaAIO-32AVmF2B03ap1VLV7Y-U_M
- <https://carolgraysocialstories.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Pandemics-and-the-Coronavirus.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2T-ODP7ki2Kgo4fikKuAhk0gJ79Xs8kg1M2dO9c5MLtND74ibQXRffZ6Ko>

Interactive Games

Ictgames.com - A collection of free, interactive English and Maths games

Topmarks.co.uk - This site hosts a huge range of free resources, but in particular a strong bank of interactive educational games.

Sheppardsoftware.com - Another useful site with a range of literacy and numeracy interactive games

Apps

Native Numbers - This app supports students in developing basic mathematical principles, such as sequencing, counting and addition. It is available on the Apple App Store (iPad only) and is free.

Think & Learn Code-a-Pillar - This app accompanies the Code-a-Pillar robot that we use to introduce directional coding concepts to students. The app sees students use directional symbols to navigate a caterpillar through a series of maze. It is available on the Apple App Store and Google Play and is free.

Scratch Jr. - Scratch Jr. uses block based symbol coding to allow to create moving videos. They can select characters, setting and items and program them to do a variety of different movements and actions. The app is free on both the Apple App Store and Google Play.