



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this finds you all well and safe at home. At such a challenging time, it is so important to try to get out for permitted exercise once a day so that you and your child(ren) can get some fresh air. There are lots of learning opportunities you can do outside; go for a shape hunt, a sound hunt and enjoy spotting different types of wildlife such as birds and butterflies.

I am conscious that you might feel bombarded at the moment with lots of postings everywhere about home schooling but I really don't want you to worry. Every child is different and will learn at different rates. Some of them might be lapping up the work being sent home and others might rebel at just the thought of it.

Staying at home can sometimes be more disruptive to the lives and routines of children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. Parents and carers should just try their best to support with their learning whilst they are at home.

What follows are some (hopefully!) useful websites and ideas that have been published by the Department for Education for parents and carers of children with SEND to support their learning at home.

If you have any questions at all then please do contact me using the school's details and I will endeavour to get back to you as quickly as possible.

Please also remember that there is lots of useful information on the Local Offer for Milton Keynes which can be accessed using this link: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/schools-and-lifelong-learning/send-local-offer>

Kind regards

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Brain Parade

Website: <http://www.brainparade.com/products/see-touch-learn-free/>

Description: a visual instruction app, including flash cards and picture-choosing games, for children with autism and special needs.

HelpKidzLearn

Website: <https://www.helpkidzlearn.com/>

Description: a collection of games and resources designed for a range of educational needs and stages. It includes provision for school closure.

Sensory App House Ltd

Website: <https://www.sensoryapphouse.com/>

Description: a range of apps are available for pupils with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties (PMLD) or Severe Learning Difficulties (SLD). All are interactive and many do not require significant coordination abilities.

Visuals 2Go

Website: <https://www.visuals2go.com/>

Description: an all-in-one app created to support people with communication and learning difficulties. For verbal and non-verbal learners.

The Sensory Project - <http://www.thesensoryprojects.co.uk/covid19-resources>

Tech Ability - <https://www.techability.org.uk/resources/aiding-learning-from-home/>