



As many of us are spending more time at home than usual, we have come up with a few ideas which should help us to enjoy the time we are spending together and maybe even teach us something new!

Take a look at the ideas below and try a few, there's something for everyone.

Why not take a photo of you and your family enjoying one of the activities and email it to us <u>here</u>? We'd love to share in the fun and keep in touch.

Books

- Read a book
 Why not try a different genre to books you normally read?
- Start a family book club Read a book and spend time to chat about what you have been reading. Maybe recommend a book.
- Listen to a book
 Audible are offering free downloads
 <u>Audible free books</u>

Board Games

- Play a board game
 Are there board games that your parents used to play hidden away? Give them a try!
- Family Quiz Form a team and challenge your family! There are plenty of free quizzes on line or maybe you can write your own questions.

Films

- Have a friend recommend a film they have enjoyed
- Have a home cinema night Grab some popcorn, cushions and dim the lights!
- Is there a book you are reading as part of your school work?
 Why not watch the film version?

Exercise and Wellbeing

- Gym equipment
 Dust off the exercise bike, treadmill and have a go!
- On-line PE Lesson for free, every day Joe Wicks PE Lessons
- Back garden scavenger hunt There are plenty of ideas on-line or think of your own!
- Have a day spa Have a relaxing hour with a pampering mask, nail painting or even just a relaxing soak in the bath
 - Meditation and relaxation
 Take some time to rest and relax

Places to Visit

- Visit the zoo from your living room!
 <u>Edinburgh Zoo</u>
 <u>San Diego Zoo</u>
- Explore a museum
 <u>Virtual museum tours</u>
- Virtual holiday

There are plenty of tours you can take – enjoy traveling the world from your sofa. Here are just a few.

<u>Yosemite National Park</u> <u>Great Wall of China</u> <u>Yellowstone National Park</u> <u>Taj Mahal</u> <u>London</u>

Search Google for Virtual Tours for many more.

Help around the home

- Help to do household tasks and chores Learn how to use the washing machine, dishwasher, oven or hoover!
- Plan and cook a meal
 Take a look in the cupboards and see what meal you could prepare for your family
- Spend time with pets
 Teach your dog a new trick, feed the cat or maybe just spend time with them
- D.I.Y.

Why not help around the home to finish all those little jobs, whilst learning useful skills for the future

- Spend time in the garden
 It's good to get outdoors, so mow the lawn or plant some seeds ready for the summer
- Declutter

Maybe tidy your bedroom and sort those unwanted clothes or toys

Be creative

• Learn a craft

There are lots and lots of tutorials available on You Tube. Try knitting, painting, origami!

- Write a story They say 'there's a story in everyone'. Why not write yours!
- Draw something you can see from your window
- Bake a cake
 Can you follow a recipe and create a delicious cake?
- Make cards to be used for future birthdays, anniversaries etc. There are plenty or ideas on-line or create your own
- Make and test paper planes
 Can you design a super plane and fly it the furthest?

Try something new

- Learn to play a piece of music
 Find that long-lost recorder, harmonica or keyboard and teach yourself to play a song
- Learn a language

Can you learn how to say 'hello' in another language? Why not try a free <u>app</u> with over 35 languages to learn in a fun way. • Research your family tree

Find out about your long-lost relatives and where your family originated from.

Keep in touch

- Take a photo a day
 Maybe make them into a movie and share with family and friends.
- Keep in touch with friends and family via Facetime, Skype and email <u>Help with Getting On-line</u>

Music

- Have your own kitchen disco!
 Everyone in the family can choose their favourite track
- Listen to a new music genre and discover some new artists

Enjoy spending time with your family