



Department
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English Hubs

Phonics resources for schools and parent/carers during Covid-19

Evidence shows that learning phonics is most effective when children are taught by sticking to a particular programme rather than mixing them up. If parents are to support their child's phonics learning during school closure, schools should try, as far as possible, to provide materials from the same programme as they use in school.

The DfE's validated phonics programmes and their resources are listed below.

Some schools will use programmes not on this list and can explore what materials are available by visiting the website for that programme.

Bug Club Phonics

Website:

www.pearsonprimary.co.uk/BCPhonics for information about Bug Club Phonics.

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/educators/schools/update-for-schools.html> for resources for schools

<https://www.pearson.com/uk/learners/primary-parents.html> for resources for parents

Access through [ActiveLearn Primary](#) to Bug Club Phonics ebooks, activities and resources for home learning, as well as access to the Bug Club family reading journey and Bug Club Shared read aloud videos.

Key stages: Reception and Key Stage 1. KS2 children learning to read

Description: Following the [Letters and Sounds](#) programme, Bug Club Phonics has 134 ebooks, teaching material and practice games.

Registration: required for free access to Bug Club Phonics. Schools register [here](#)

Floppy's Phonics (Oxford Reading Tree)

Website:

www.oxfordprimary.co.uk/floppysphonicstp

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/> for phonic guidance and practise

Key stages: Nursery to KS2

Description: Online subscription enables schools to give pupils access to materials to practise GPCs at home. Activities and advice for parents and selected e-books available.

Registration: Required for Oxford Owl for Home

Jolly Phonics

Website: www.jollylearning.co.uk for teaching videos and activity resource bank

Key stages: Nursery to KS1. KS2 children learning to read

Description: Teaching videos covering key skills needed for reading and writing. Access to guidance and a bank of activity sheets covering phonics, grammar, spelling and punctuation.

Registration: not required

Letters and Sounds

Website:

[Letters and Sounds](#) programme handbook

[Letters and Sounds for home and school](#) - filmed phonics lessons that follow phases 2 to 5 of the Letters and Sounds programme. Parent guidance videos.

Key Stages – Nursery to KS1. KS2 children learning to read

Description: Filmed phonics lessons for Reception, Year 1 and Learning to Blend uploaded to [Youtube](#) every weekday throughout the summer term.

Registration: Not required

Phonics International

Website: <https://phonicsinternational.com> for home-learning resources and recorded webinar for teachers

Key Stages: Nursery to KS1. Key Stage Two to adults learning to read.

Description: Home learning resources include 'Alphabetic Code and Phonics Skills' and materials for reading, spelling and handwriting. The free series of 8 eBooks include 200+ cumulative, decodable sentences and texts.

Registration: Not required for all open access material. Required to download eBooks 'Alphabetic Code and Phonics Skills'.

Read Write Inc.

Website:

www.ruthmiskin.com for recorded phonics lessons that follow the Read, Write, Inc. programme. [Phonics eBooks and activities](#)

Key stages: Nursery to KS1. KS2 children learning to read

Description: Phonics, word reading and spelling lessons on [YouTube](#). Each film is 10-15 minutes long and available for 24 hours Monday to Friday. Phonics eBooks, activities and advice from Oxford Owl.

Registration: not required for YouTube films. Required for Oxford Owl for Home to access eBooks

Sound Discovery® Phonics

Website: www.syntheticphonics.net

[Rapid reading sounds chart and book tracker](#)

[Rapid reading and 'how to' videos](#)

[Rapid reading ebooks and resources](#)

Key Stages: Nursery to KS1. KS2 and KS3 pupils learning to read.

Description: Advice, activities, videos, lesson plans and sample pages for reading, spelling and handwriting. Access to Rapid Phonics eBooks and resources.

Registration: not required for Sound Discovery® videos and sample pages. Required for Pearson via school to access Rapid Phonics eBooks.

Sounds-Write

Website: [Sounds-Write](#)

Key Stages: Nursery to KS1. KS2 and KS3 pupils learning to read.

Description: Online courses and videos for parents, IWB resources, activity workbooks and games.

Registration: Not required
