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Home Learning Guide



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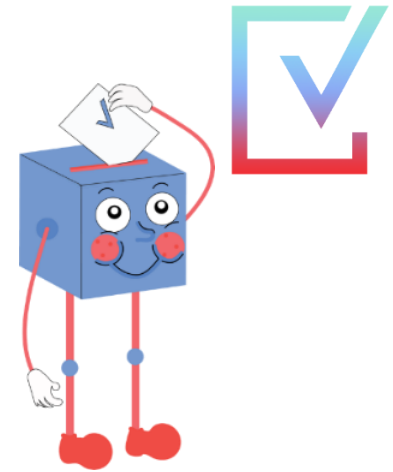


Be heard.



Welcome to VotesforSchools!

Each week, VotesforSchools provides lessons to pupils all over the country, asking them about the issues that matter to them. Their votes are recorded and sent out to charities, organisations & decision-makers to help make a difference.



This doesn't stop while schools are closed either. Until things go back to normal, we'll be making this weekly guide to help you and your families learn at home! This week, your pack includes:



1 Top tips for learning at home

2 Taking your VotePack further

3 Learn something new

Questions or suggestions? Get in touch on social media @votesforschools!



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Top tips for learning at home

Learning at home can sometimes feel lonely, but it doesn't have to! Here are some top tips on working as a group in isolation:



1 Start the conversation

Suggest setting up a group chat with your classmates, ask a sibling to join in a VfS chat, or tell your parents what you're up to! Sometimes it just takes one person to take initiative, so why not you?



2 Stay on track

When you're on a group chat with your friends, it's easy to get side-tracked. While it's okay to take a break once in a while, these little chats can take over the main focus of the call. Create a plan of what you want to cover in your call. Then once you've done that, chat away!



3 Think about numbers

If you've already experienced an online lesson, you'll see that talking in large numbers can be difficult. If you're setting up a group call, aim for 3-5 people, so everyone has room to have their say.



1 Top tips for learning at home

Be patient 4



These are frustrating times, and working with your family or friends online will feel different to the classroom. But try to be patient and open to new ideas! If you find yourself getting annoyed, don't be afraid to also take some time for yourself. Remember: this won't be forever.

5 Be honest, but respectful

Again, it's easy to get frustrated and it's okay to point out when something isn't working. However, remember to be respectful, particularly if someone is just trying to help. If you do lose your temper, an apology can go a long way...



If all else fails, ask the experts! 6



You've asked your parents, your friends, your siblings, and you're still lost... That's what your teachers are there for! If you really can't work it out, go back to them and ask for some more information, or have a look at videos or pointers online. Make sure you don't suffer in silence.

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Top tips for learning at home



But don't just take our word for it, here's some advice from pupils across the country!



"If you have extra time, and if possible, you could try to "teach" it to somebody as this tests your understanding. If you can't put it simply, you don't understand it enough."

Kingswood Academy



"The teachers could set up an online lesson so that they can explain properly what they would like us to do."

Hailsham Community College

"It's easier to learn with a small group than a big group."

Meridian High School



"Video call with a friend to help you with your work!"

Kingsmead School



"Get your friends' phone numbers and make a group chat to discuss any questions."

Wath Academy



"Get into a routine and message teachers or ask your parents if you are stuck."

Outwood Academy Freeston



"I like to study with my brother because he's in university so when he learns he does it peacefully and when I join him it also gives me some peaceful time to myself."

Royal Alexandra & Albert School

2 Taking your VotePack further

My past self

Create a video for your past self. What advice would you give them for the pandemic?



In the **future**...

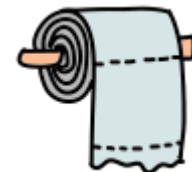


The **hardest** thing will be...

No one will be **ready** for...



You should **buy**...



The **best** thing will be...

You can **get ready** by...



Challenge:

Get creative using editing apps such as iMovie (iOS) or WeVideo (Android) to add special effects - you could even "visit" past you!

2 Taking your VotePack further

Hint: Each square is 1 metre!



Design

Take a look at this classroom design. Can you answer the questions below?

8m

6m



What is the **perimeter** of the classroom?

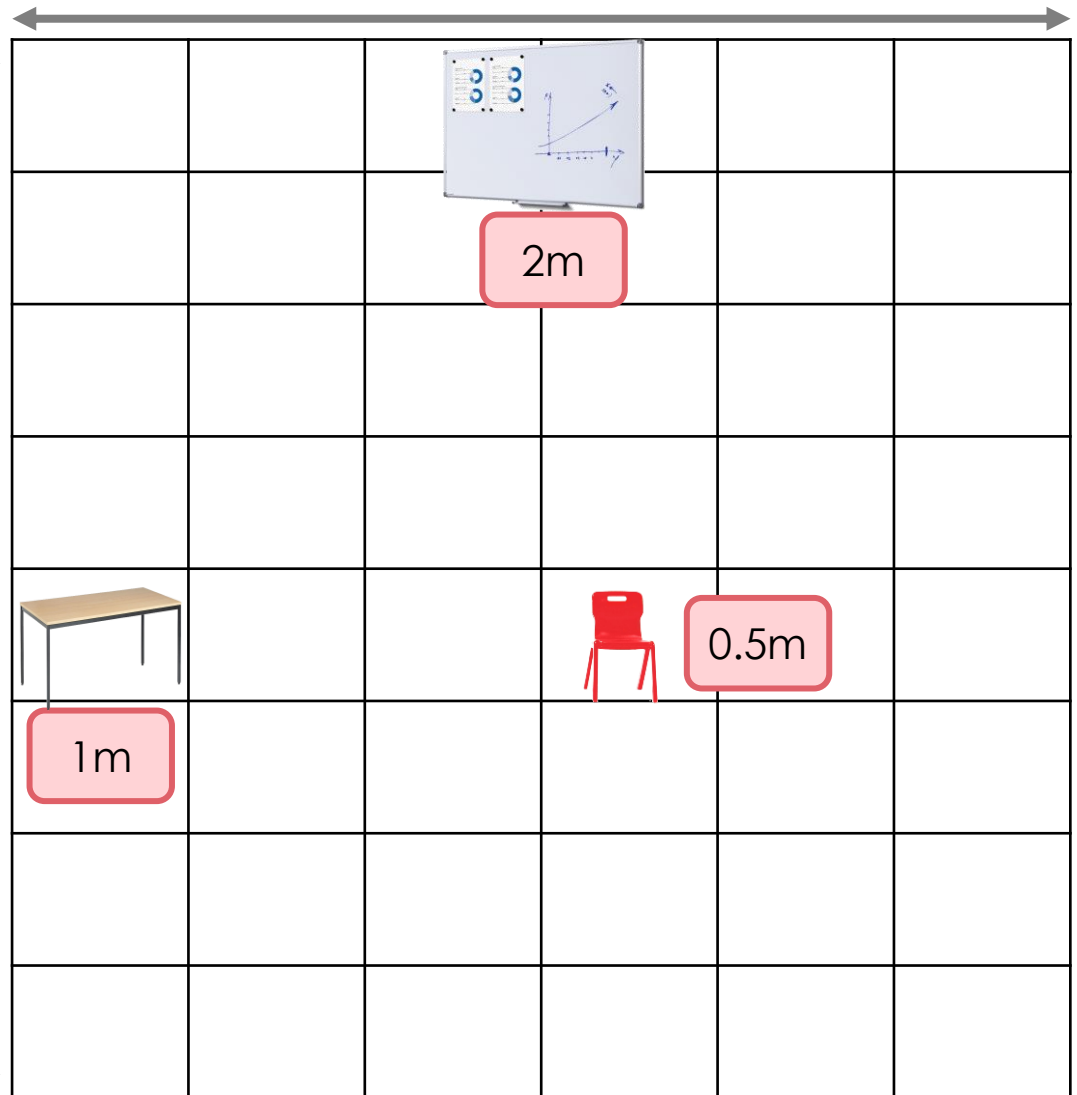
What is the **area** of the classroom?



How many **desks could you fit** in the classroom?

Challenge:

Following social distancing, how many desks could you fit in the classroom?



2 Taking your VotePack further



Imagine

Imagine you were Prime Minister. What rules would you make right now about...



Public transport?



Sports events?



Schools?

Leisure & activities?



Shops?



Restaurants & bars?



Friends & family?

Travel & holidays?



Anything else?



I would **make** it so that...

I think there **should** be...

I would **change**...

This will be **better** because...

Challenge:

Don't just think it - share it! Use your ideas to write a letter to your local MP with your suggestions. Your ideas could help shape the next change in rules!



3 Learn something new

Maths & English



Maths & English Lessons

Used in schools across the country, Hamilton usually provides Maths and English lessons for teachers. However, while you're at home, they've made free home learning packs instead! Click the image to download yours.

Coding

Code.org

If you're stuck at home on your computer, why not give coding a go? code.org is offering free activities to help you learn HTML, JavaScript or CSS. Follow the link to find out more!



Everything!



Learn with celebs

Celebrities such as wildlife expert David Attenborough and singer Liam Payne have teamed up with BBC Bitesize to help you with your learning in their daily lessons. Click the image to see them!

3 Learn something new

Reading

Coronavirus: A book for children

Still struggling to get your head around Coronavirus? Illustrated by the same artist as The Gruffalo, Nosy Crow have created a free e-book to help us better understand what's happening. Click the image and have a read.

Coronavirus

A book for children



Nature



Project Learning Tree

Have a look at Project Learning Tree for some ideas of activities that will help you engage with nature and the world around you while you're out on walks, in your garden or even while you're inside! Follow the links for some great ideas.

Yoga

Yoga with Adriene

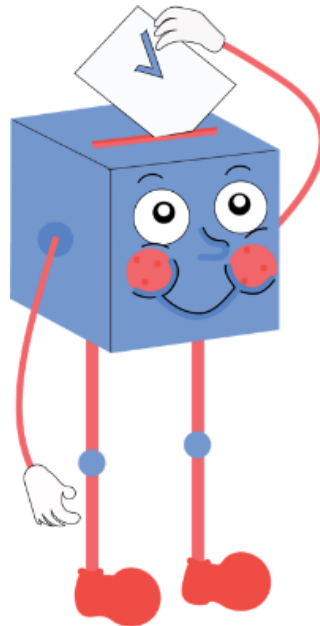
Feeling anxious, achy or need to be energised? Why not have a look at Yoga with Adriene on YouTube? She does yoga targeted at all types of issues (and it's a lot of fun!). Click the image to try it for yourself.

YOGA WITH ADRIENE



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