

Top Tips for Education Staff during Social Distancing

NHS Lothian Children and Young People's Therapies and Support

This page is for families who have children and may benefit from support from a range of therapies. We have contributions from physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and music therapy.

We aim to give you practical ideas for supporting your child and also signposting you to other resources that might be useful to you. There are a range of posts including some great activities to support

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NHS Lothian Children and Young People's Speech and Language Therapy Service

This page provides is run by NHS Lothian Speech and Language Therapists and will provide:

- information about speech, language and communication development
- ideas and advice for families and **professionals**
- information about national campaigns

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Signalong

Signalong is used throughout the school to support children and young peoples' understanding and provide them with a means of communicating. A range of resources are available on the website:

<http://www.signalong.org.uk/>

You will also find videos and Signalong signs on the Facebook pages! For example, click [here](#) to learn a few new SignAlong signs for hand washing.

We are planning to gradually add SignAlong videos to [this](#) Vimeo channel.

Autism Toolbox

The Autism Toolbox is a free online resource developed to support the inclusion of autistic learners in Scottish Early Learning and Childcare settings, Primary and Secondary schools. It has lots of information and a range of resources. It also has a section for Professional Development to consider looking at.

<http://www.autismtoolbox.co.uk/professional-development>

Boardmaker

Boardmaker has a range of activities made and ready to go! You will need to set up an account but they offer a 30 day free trial, during which time you can download all sorts of things. You may also find it gives you some ideas for activities! See the link below:

<https://goboardmaker.com/pages/activities-to-go>

Clicker

Clicker is software is the complete writing solution for the primary classroom, providing every pupil with just the right level of support. They are currently offering free access during the Coronavirus outbreak and might be worth looking at.

<https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/clicker/clicker-at-home>

AAC

AAC can take all forms and can be essential for supporting communication with the children and young people you work with. AAC Scotland is a website that has lots of information and resources for supporting AAC. They also have webinars and there are 5 modules all focusing on Introduction to AAC. You can get a certificate once you have completed them.

<https://www.aacscotland.org.uk>

Symbols for All / Bookbug Resources

The Scottish Book Trust have funded a CALL Scotland project to create a range of resources to compliment the Bookbug resources for the P1 book bag and some of the explorer bags (age 3) are available for us to use. These resources include communication boards that can be used alongside stories to make for a more interactive experience. They have also developed a range of activities linked to the stories (they may require some adapting). The link below will take to the website where you can explore the stories and resources that are available:

<https://www.symbolsforall.org.uk/bookbug/>

Circle

Circle is a resource that aims to bring together and share good inclusive practice, focusing on approaches to improve the engagement and achievement of all learners including those who require additional support. For more information and to see the document there is a link below:

<https://education.gov.scot/improvement/learning-resources/circle-resource-to-support-inclusive-learning-and-collaborative-working/#>