



Hi

I know you will be getting loads of emails from different companies and organisations giving you suggestions for what can be done during the current situation; hopefully my email will give you some more ideas you can use and share with your children & parents.

I have had contact with some of the companies we work with and they are making some very generous offers, I have summarised them here and attached the full email at the bottom of mine should you need to read more. I cannot attach documents to a mail merged email.

### Clicker



Crick Software (the makers of Clicker) would like to offer every school free access for their pupils and teachers to use on their home devices. Choose from:

[Clicker](#) for primary schools – works on iPad, Chromebook, Windows & Mac.  
[DocsPlus](#) for secondary schools – works on Chromebook, Windows & Mac.

### Purple Mash (2 Simple)



They have highlighted their resources and activities (a subscription is needed but there is a link to a 14 day trial) They also say 'we are very aware that social distancing and self-isolation may impact our mental health and wellbeing. So, we are sharing the Yoga and Mindfulness units from our PE and Wellbeing platform, Striver that can be used at home. [You can download these free PDF's here.](#)

### Doorway online (Touch typing)



This is a great skill to learn and the activities [here](#) are all free – and always have been. The activities take around 5 minutes each and will benefit anybody. Touch typing is a big help to those with dyslexia as well as making the process of typing quicker and more accurate. It will not work on a touch screen, it has to be done on a proper keyboard.

### Scanning Pens



It's so important to continue to give students with reading difficulties access to reading material whilst remote learning. The ReaderPen means that any student who struggles to read independently can benefit from using the device at home to continue with their studies. To see the features of the ReaderPen please check out [THIS VIDEO](#)

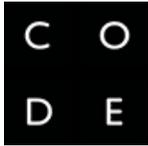
### Online Safety (Gooseberry Planet)



Due to the unprecedented school closures last week and the likelihood of many young people spending even more of their time online, we have decided to offer ALL schools FREE access to Gooseberry Planet games for the next 12 weeks. Let us help you make sure that your children know how to keep themselves safe online over the coming weeks.

This is the best site I ever found/used for this kind of information.

**Minecraft  
Hour of Code**



Code.org® is a nonprofit dedicated to expanding access to computer science in schools and increasing participation by women and underrepresented youth.

Encourage kids to [code](#) whilst playing Minecraft. There are videos and tutorials to follow – and hundreds more on YouTube

**Google  
Sketchup**



This is a free 3D modelling program that can produce stunning results, given time and patience. It is an online application and can be found [here](#) There are tutorials and of course hundreds of videos on YouTube

**Audible**



Good news for those stuck at home in isolation: Audible is making hundreds of titles available for free during the coronavirus pandemic.

The audiobook platform has said that, for as long as schools are closed, anyone can listen to a vast selection of its titles. This means books read by Westworld's Thandie Newton and Downton Abbey's Dan Stevens are available to stream at no cost at all.

Simply visit [stories.audible.com](https://stories.audible.com) from any web browser to get started. No log-ins, credit card or passwords needed.

**Pic Collage**



This is available on Android and Apple for free. Arrange selected photos from your photo folder onto a single page, add titles, smilies and backgrounds

**Kahoot!**



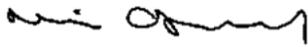
Kahoot! is a game-based learning platform, used as educational technology in schools and other educational institutions. Its learning games, "Kahoots", are multiple-choice quizzes that allow user generation and can be accessed via a web browser or the Kahoot app.

## Suggestions

- Use Pic Collage to produce a weekly/activity montage of photos as a record of what you have done
- Take a photo, print it postcard size and using the image as a prompt, write a story on the back of it
- Design a game level on Minecraft and play it with friends as a reward
- Using Sketchup, try to draw objects from around the house/garden. If they are small enough they can be measured and so drawn accurately. Once mastered, try more difficult things like a house (items with lines at angles are difficult, as are curves)
- Create a quiz using Kahoot on given topics (famous artists, dates in history etc) and play the quiz with friends etc – they do not have to be in the same building

Many thanks and take care

Neil



Neil Oldbury

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The following are the original emails from the various companies mentioned above

## Clicker

### Free Clicker and DocsPlus access for schools affected by the coronavirus outbreak

Dear Neil

We wanted to get in touch following the government's announcement that schools across the UK will be closing from tomorrow as a result of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This will be a time of great upheaval and uncertainty, and it's vital that we all do whatever we can to help.

Many children do not currently have access to educational software at home, and this will be particularly important for learners who usually benefit from additional reading and writing support when at school.

Therefore, Crick Software would like to offer every school **free access** for their pupils and teachers to use on their home devices. Choose from:

[Clicker for primary schools – works on iPad, Chromebook, Windows & Mac.](#)

[DocsPlus for secondary schools – works on Chromebook, Windows & Mac.](#)

If this would be of help to you or to any of the organisations that you work with, simply [complete this access request form](#) and we will be in touch with your access codes and installation instructions. Feel free to pass my email on to any of your schools or contacts.

If you would like any additional information on the above, please don't hesitate to give us a call on **01604 671691** or to send an email over to [info@cricksoft.com](mailto:info@cricksoft.com).

Kind regards

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# Purple Mash

## Supporting Home Learning with Purple Mash

As schools are now closing worldwide, here at 2Simple, we want to ensure learning can continue and that is why we have put together weekly activities that you can set as 2Do's for your pupils, split by both subject area and age.

[Access our weekly activities](#)

We've labelled daily activities alongside an activity a day for your pupils. This week, why not try out Bond Bubbles for Ages 5-7, or Sequence Snake for Ages 8-11 to test their mathematical skills.

Spelling and grammar for all year groups is featured at the top of each age group, easily set weekly spelling and grammar activities using the 2Do feature.



We'd also like to tell you about our Resource Sharing area, where you can find several resources that other teachers have shared by searching both subject and age. A great way to stay connected to the wider Purple Mash community.

This week, we've added the ability for pupils to also upload Word and PowerPoint documents to their 'My Work' folder.

[Read the user guide](#)

Finally, we are very aware that social distancing and self-isolation may impact our mental health and wellbeing. So, we are sharing the Yoga and Mindfulness units from our PE and Wellbeing platform, Striver that can be used at home. [You can download these free PDF's here.](#)

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## Scanning Pens

Taking into consideration the unfortunate situation our young learners are faced with, I wanted to get in touch to offer our services to any of your staff or teachers, pupils and even parents who your team support.

It's so important to continue to give students with reading difficulties access to reading material whilst remote learning. The ReaderPen means that any student who struggles to read independently can benefit from using the device at home to continue with their studies.

With schools now closing and thinking about how they are going to support pupils that rely on ongoing reading support, we would love to offer any assistance we can to accommodate this.

**We have a number of things in mind such as;**

- Online webinars with our team for teachers, pupils, parents to find out what the ReaderPen has to offer, how to use them along with running through the supportive resources that we give out free with the pens that can be used at home to support students literacy.
- Extended trial periods for any schools interested in trailing ReaderPen & ExamReader with their pupils.

**- The ability for parents to order a free 14-day trial pen to be sent home in order to support their children's literacy.**

**<https://www.scanningpens.co.uk/ReaderPenUK/Request-Parent-Trial-Reader-Pen-UK.html>**

**Please do share this email with parents and other members of staff. If you are happy to I can share further information on the parent trial that you can include on the website/local offer page.**

If anyone wishes to discuss any of the above, please simply respond to this email or give me a call anytime on 020 3929 6022. To see the features of the ReaderPen please check out [THIS VIDEO](#) and to hear feedback from students, teachers and parents please click [HERE](#)

Best wishes,

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# Gooseberry Planet

Dear Neil,

We are all feeling the impact of the current situation, it all feels slightly surreal.

I wanted to offer you some guidance on virtual learning which can be shared with both Teachers and Parents.

[Teachers Advice](#)

[Parental Advice](#)

We have also added a hand out for teachers and parents on screen time, this can be emailed. Go to our website and log onto the Gooseberry Alerts and download.

Please feel free to share with your school community so long as you acknowledge Gooseberry Planet as the source of the advice.



[View Advice](#)



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If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Please stay safe and healthy.

Kind regards

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*Stella James*

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