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COVID-19: Latest Online Resources and closure updates

Collins is giving free access to its online learning platform, Collins Connect, for the length of the school closures. The platform is for both primary and secondary schools and is home to learning and teaching resources for a range of subjects including English, maths and science at all levels, as well as international curricula. It includes more than 300 e-books from its Big Cat reading programme, activity sheets, a times tables practice tool, revision and PDF downloads of many of its titles. Collins is adding resources daily to the site.

<http://collins.co.uk>

<https://www.thebookseller.com/news/collins-makes-hundreds-books-and-resources-available-free-1196451>

Children's Laureate Cressida Cowell has launched a digital hub with reading charity BookTrust. BookTrust Home Time contains free books, videos, games, recipes, competitions and quizzes. A menu of ideas including activity sheets and live draw-alongs has been created by children's authors and illustrators.

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/news/news-2020/waterstones-childrens-laureate-cressida-cowell-launches-new-booktrust-home-time-hub-for-families/>

JK Rowling has allowed teachers (and librarians?) to video themselves reading Harry Potter books online.

<https://www.jkrowling.com/j-k-rowling-grants-open-licence-for-teachers-during-covid-19-outbreak/>

National Literacy Trust Family Zone is a one-stop shop for families. Drawing on both expertise and incredible partnerships with teachers, authors, publishers, educational organisations and corporates.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/we-launch-family-zone-to-help-parents-during-school-closures/>

SLA is updating their list of resources.

<https://www.sla.org.uk/article/dawn-woods/corona-virus-working-and-learning-from-home/1972>

Open University RfP ambassador's list of online literacy resources.

<https://researchrichpedagogies.org/news-awards/details/social-media-support-during-school-closure>

Octopus is launching a Meet The Author series on Instagram. Twice a week an Octopus author—across all subjects, including cooking, health, mindfulness, fashion, design and gardening—will introduce themselves and their book, and answer five questions that they feel readers would most want to know.

<https://www.thebookseller.com/news/octopus-launches-meet-author-series-instagram-1196458>

BBC to offer pupils missing school daily TV tuition aimed at different key stages, including GCSE and A level.

<https://www.tes.com/news/coronavirus-bbc-works-schools-offer-tv-lessons>

Families and children can now easily discover a wide range of entertaining and educational shows and films, with the launch of a new children's experience on BBC iPlayer, including older shows returning to iplayer.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/iplayer-children>

NewsGuard has temporarily removed the paywall from its browser extension in order to make its anti-misinformation tool free to help address the urgent COVID-19 'infodemic'.

<https://www.newsguardtech.com/coronavirus-misinformation-tracking-center/>