**To help support families during the coronavirus crisis, we have gathered as much information and as many helpful resources as we can onto this page.**

This page includes links to –

– official government advice

– resources from DCP organisations

– resources relating to particular conditions

– regional specific resources

– helplines and other sources of advice and guidance

This page will develop over time as advice and resources are developed; and as you tell us what you would like more information about.

If you have any comments on this page, please email [disabledchildrens.partnership@mencap.org.uk](mailto:disabledchildrens.partnership@mencap.org.uk)

If you know of any further resources you would like to see here, please email both [disabledchildrens.partnership@org.uk](mailto:disabledchildrens.partnership@org.uk) and [CDCResources@ncb.org.uk](mailto:CDCResources@ncb.org.uk)

If you have any questions for government, please email [CDCQuestions@ncb.org.uk](mailto:cdcquestions@ncb.org.uk).  The Council for Disabled Children will be collating these questions and sending them to the Government.  They will also be publishing a weekly “Frequently Asked Questions” newsflash. Sign up for the newsflash [here](https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/about/subscribe-newsletter).

**Official government advice**

The government has published a range of advice for families; for schools; and for local authorities.  The Council for Disabled Children have pulled together the key guidance [here](https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/news-opinion/news/covid-19-support-and-guidance).

**Resources, information and ideas for activities**

[Advice from Contact,](https://contact.org.uk/advice-and-support/coronavirus-information-for-families-with-disabled-children/) including on health, education and benefits.

[Advice and support](https://www.scope.org.uk/advice-and-support/coronavirus/) from Scope.

[Advice and support](https://www.mencap.org.uk/advice-and-support/health/coronavirus-covid-19) from Mencap, including an Easy Read Guide.

[A collection of information and support](https://www.sense.org.uk/get-support/information-and-advice/accessible-information-on-coronavirus/) from Sense in a range of accessible formats, including British Sign Language and Easy Read.

[Information about grants](https://www.familyfund.org.uk/FAQs/how-do-we-apply) for families from the Family Fund.

[Special Needs Jungle](https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/latest-coronavirus-information-relevant-for-send-families/) latest coronavirus information.

[Coronavirus and the SEND Law](https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/send-info/coronavirus-and-send-law/), including a collated e-book, from lawyer Hayley Mason on Special Needs Jungle.

[Advice to support people to stay well when socially distancing](https://www.rcot.co.uk/staying-well-when-social-distancing) and for families to support their children from the Royal College of Occupational Therapists

[30 day challenge](https://twitter.com/swingsandsmiles) – easy to do activities with the kids every day, including videos and live sessions – from Swings and Smiles.

[Swings and Smiles blog](https://www.swingsandsmiles.co.uk/blog/how-to-look-after-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak) on mental health for parents.

Information from Sibs for [parents of young siblings,](https://www.sibs.org.uk/supporting-young-siblings/parents/information-for-parents-of-young-siblings-and-the-coronavirus/) along with a [mini-blog for siblings of disabled children](https://www.youngsibs.org.uk/siblings-and-staying-at-home) staying at home

[Inclusive play toolkit](https://www.sense.org.uk/get-support/support-for-children/play-toolkits/) and a YouTube video with [ideas for fun activities](https://youtu.be/Lbp9K1BXLn4) whilst staying at home, from Sense.

[Ten ways](https://www.wellchild.org.uk/2020/03/18/ten-ways-to-keep-my-child-with-complex-health-needs-safe/) to keep my child with complex health needs safe, from WellChild.

[How to talk to children](https://ican.org.uk/a-message-to-our-supporters-on-coronavirus/how-to-talk-to-children-about-coronavirus/) about coronavirus, and some activities for toddlers and young children, from I CAN, the Children’s Communication Charity.

[A range of resources](https://disability-challengers.org/useful-resources-at-home), including a social story about coronavirus and a visual timetable, plus other links, from Challengers.

Activity videos from the KIDS early years team – [how to make play dough](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9b5u7EvrnQ); and story time [(The Tiger Who Came to Tea](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J0THEtO-I_E) and [Bedtime Story)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PnGXQ2KqYik)

[Home learning resources](https://www.specialneedsjungle.com/distance-education-resources-for-children-and-young-people-with-send/) from Special Needs Jungle.

[Home learning resources](https://sites.google.com/bridgend.ac.uk/alnhomeschool) from ALN Home Learning.

[Resources and activities](https://www.dingley.org.uk/covid-19-response/) for families of children with SEND in the early years to use at home, created by early years professionals from Dingley’s Promise.

**Condition specific advice**

[Q&A for families](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.togetherforshortlives.org.uk%2Fget-support%2Fsupporting-you%2Ffamily-resources%2Fcoronavirus-qa%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C0f86f315eca24cbf071608d7d6d91eed%7Ced4dd050e39e4e0ea9994097f9afb165%7C0%7C0%7C637214100346757318&sdata=40ziQNugZzic%2Fqu4zvva2Jc78APHlHd8ERs82HXvoKw%3D&reserved=0) caring for seriously ill children – and also [top tips](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.togetherforshortlives.org.uk%2Fchanging-lives%2Fsupporting-care-professionals%2Fintroduction-childrens-palliative-care%2Fcoronavirus-top-tips-for-professionals%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C0f86f315eca24cbf071608d7d6d91eed%7Ced4dd050e39e4e0ea9994097f9afb165%7C0%7C0%7C637214100346757318&sdata=kfzvTOlUb0YitCqN%2BHSVGRw0hKDXsoAFmG3j2eGmmdk%3D&reserved=0) for professionals – from Together for Short Lives.

[Information and resources from Rett UK](https://www.rettuk.org/covid19/) for families supporting someone with Rett syndrome – but also suitable for other people with complex needs – including communication resources; home schooling tips and families activities.

[Information and advice for autistic people](https://www.autism.org.uk/services/helplines/coronavirus.aspx) and their families from the National Autistic Society.

[Tips for young people](https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/sites/default/files/tips-for-autistic-young-people-on-managing-health-anxiety-and-self-isolation.pdf) and [tips for families](https://www.ambitiousaboutautism.org.uk/sites/default/files/tips-for-autistic-young-people-on-managing-health-anxiety-and-self-isolation.pdf) on managing health anxiety and isolation from Ambitious About Autism (pdf files)

[Information for families of deaf children](https://www.ndcs.org.uk/covid-19-coronavirus-support-for-deaf-children/), from NDCS.

[Information for young people with epilepsy](https://www.youngepilepsy.org.uk/covid-19-information.html), from Young Epilepsy.

[Advice and resources for families of children and young people affected by a brain injury](https://www.braininjuryhub.co.uk/news/coronavirus-useful-resources-and-support), from The Children’s Trust.

[Information for people with sight loss](https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/coronavirus), from Guide Dogs.

[Tips for staying at home](https://www.fragilex.org.uk/post/we-re-all-at-home-help), from the Fragile X Society.

[Information from Spinal Muscular Atrophy UK](https://smauk.org.uk/coping-with-covid-19-advice-tips-guidance) for families affected by SMA, including advice and support from leading neuromuscular experts; tips for mental health and wellbeing; and ideas for keeping entertained at home

[Information and resources](https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/coronavirus-covid-19/) for people who have Down’s Syndrome and their parents/carers, from the Down Syndrome Association.

**Regional/Local advice**

All local areas have SEND Information and Advice Services – [find yours here](https://councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/information-advice-and-support-services-network).

[Search for organisations](https://carers.org/search/network-partners?postcode=) that support unpaid carers in your area; from Carer’s Trust.

[Interactive map](https://covidmutualaid.org/) of local mutual aid groups

[Making national guidance relevant for families](https://amazesussex.org.uk/coronavirus-faqs-for-parent-carers-of-children-with-send-in-east-sussex/) in East Sussex, Brighton and Hove – from Amaze.  Also from Amaze, [ideas on spending time indoors.](https://www.compasscard.org.uk/news-and-events/leisure-learning-and-lock-down/https:/www.compasscard.org.uk/news-and-events/leisure-learning-and-lock-down/https:/www.compasscard.org.uk/news-and-evenhttps:/www.compasscard.org.uk/news-and-events/leisure-learning-and-lock-down/)

[SNAP’s Coronavirus Family Guide](https://www.snapcharity.org/coronavirus-family-guide/), particularly for families living in Essex.

**Helplines etc**

A number of Disabled Children’ Partnership organisations run on-line and telephone helplines; and on-line communities.

[Contact helpline](https://contact.org.uk/advice-and-support/our-helpline/) – **0808 808 3555**

[Together for Short Lives Family Helpline](https://www.togetherforshortlives.org.uk/get-support/supporting-you/helpline/) for families caring for seriously ill children – **0808 8088 100**

[Mencap helpline](https://www.mencap.org.uk/mencapdirect) and [on-line community](https://www.mencap.org.uk/mencapdirect).

[Scope helpline](https://www.scope.org.uk/helpline/) and “[coffee lounge](https://community.scope.org.uk/categories/coffee-lounge?_ga=2.215014103.1735782898.1585809532-203051688.1585809532)“.

[Moderated chat forum for siblings aged 7 to 17](https://www.youngsibs.org.uk/login-register/) from Sibs.

[I CAN’s Enquiry line](https://ican.org.uk/enquiry-line/) for questions about a child’s speech and language development; open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30am to 4:30pm on 020 7843 2544

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