



# VOTES FOR SCHOOLS

## Home Learning Guide



**Be informed.**



**Be curious.**



**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:**



**Top tips for learning at home**



**Taking your VotePack further**



**Learn something new**

**Questions or suggestions?** Get in touch on social media @votesforschools, or use the hashtag #votesathome!





# Top tips for learning at home



**Learning from home can be difficult for everyone in the family,** but we've got some top tips to keep you on track for the next few weeks.

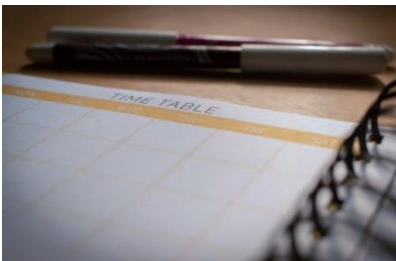
## **Create your own “classroom”**

While you are likely to miss friends and the routine of school, it's important you make the best of what you have at home and the different ways of learning it can offer.



## **Set a schedule that suits you**

While you might have some virtual lessons at set times, try to do your other work when you know you're able to concentrate – for instance, after breakfast!



## **Take time offline**

It's likely lots of your learning will take place online (such as VotesforSchools), but this shouldn't always be the case! Consider reading a book or going for a walk instead.





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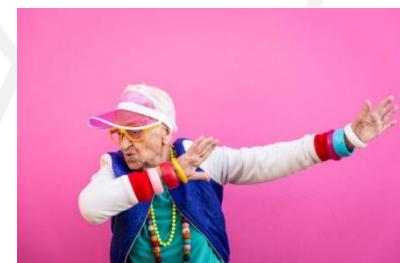


## Ask for help

Whenever you are able to, make sure you ask for help if you are struggling; this could be a classmate, your teacher or a parent, guardian or other relative. Don't go it alone!

## Have confidence

While learning independently is intimidating, you managed it before and can do it again! Be confident that you know what works for you and that you are doing your best.



## Relax

This might not be what you imagine when you think of school, but it's just as important as all the other advice – make sure you do things that you enjoy each day as well.

## Got some top tips of your own?

Ask your parent or guardian to send them to us: [georgie@votesforschools.com](mailto:georgie@votesforschools.com)!

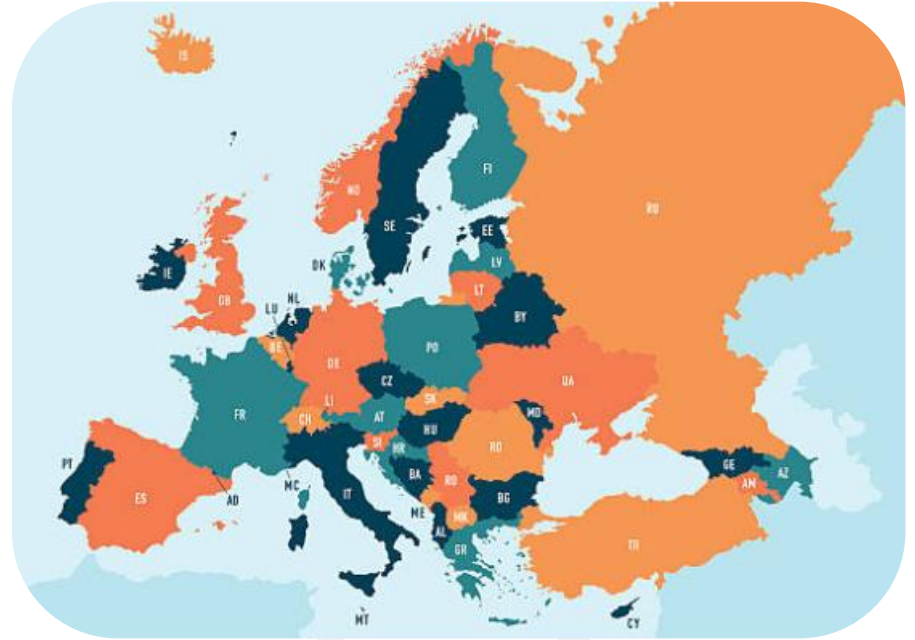


# Taking your VotePack further



## Where does my food come from?

Lots of the food we buy here in the UK comes from the EU (and still will!). Take a look in your fridge and cupboards at home and choose three items from each. Can you find out where each of these foods came from? How many of these countries are in Europe? If you have time, find them on the map!



### Tip!

If you're not near your kitchen at the moment, think about what your favourite foods are and where they come from. Are any of them European?

### Challenge:

We often describe food that is brought into the UK as having a **carbon footprint**. Foods that have travelled the furthest or have been transported by air have the largest carbon footprint. What does carbon footprint mean?



# Taking your VotePack further



In this week's lesson you found out about some of the changes that are happening here in the UK because of Brexit. As you probably know, **some people are not optimistic about the UK's future outside of the UK. However, it is important that we work together to move forward.**

## Moving forward together

Being persuasive is an important skill when you want to change someone's mindset. **Write a persuasive letter** describing the positive aspects of leaving the EU. Also, describe the aspects of our lives that will not be changing as a result of Brexit. You are looking to convince someone that things will be good going forward!

## Challenge:

Support your suggestions in your letter with facts and figures. Facts can be useful when encouraging someone to reconsider their opinion.



## Persuasive:

Making you want to do or believe a particular thing.



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## How much?

Most countries in the EU use the Euro, but not the UK! One Pound (£) is not equal to one Euro (€). When you want to get money in a different currency there is an exchange rate. Take a look at the different products below. Use the prices in Pounds and Euros for the bicycle to work out the exchange rate. Use this to work out how much the guitar will be in Euros.

£499.99

£271.29

€552.90

€ ?

## Challenge:

Take a look online for the current exchange rate for Pounds (£) to US Dollars (\$). How much is the bike worth in US Dollars?



# Learn something new



## Maths

Want to brush up on your Maths? **DK Findout** has you covered, with lots of information about topics including **times tables, fractions, geometry and prime numbers**. You'll be ready to take on your home learning in no time!



## English

**The Happy Newspaper**, as the name suggests, is a newspaper focused on all things positive! There are **two free packs available on the website**, which include lots of cheery stories and activities. Click the image to check them out.

## Science

There's been a lot going on recently in the skies above us, so why not **delve into space and find out more about objects like galaxies and black holes?** Click the image to discover a set of interactive tools and videos from ViewSpace.







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## Modern Languages

**DuoLingo** is used by over 300 million people, all learning to **speak another language**. Click the image to go to their website, or download the DuoLingo app and choose one of **18 different languages** to learn today.



## Music

Want to learn more about music, while playing games? Click the image to choose one of seven games from Classics for Kids that will **teach you how to read music like a composer!**

## Art & Design

Throughout lockdown, Innovation Ben has been challenging young people **to build all sorts of things using their recycling**- from **spaghetti bridges to unsinkable ships!** Ask a parent to click the image and help you choose your first challenge.



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