

# Little Sutton English Hub

## Happy New Year!

### A message from the Little Sutton English Hub and the DfE

What a start to the term schools across the nation are facing! The DfE have outlined their expectations that English Hubs should continue the delivery of intensive support to partner schools, adapting delivery to suit individual school circumstances. The Little Sutton English Hub team are committed to support all schools as much as we can in their remote delivery of phonics and reading. In particular we are keen to support our partner schools to ensure the fantastic progress made during the Autumn Term is not lost. Obviously the needs of each school will vary so please do let us know how we can best support you. Where possible we are keen to continue with the LS Days arranged with a focus on delivering phonics and early reading remotely during these challenging times and, as time moves on, we will support schools in preparing for the return of pupils and the catch up that will be required.

## Lockdown January 2021

### DfE Guidance

The latest DfE guidance [Restricting Attendance during the national lockdown: schools](#) includes on page 48 a directive that schools should have **the remote learning offer on their websites by 25 January**. This link provides an example [template as an option](#) - schools can use this or create their own version. Don't forget to include your reading for pleasure offer alongside your reading skills offer. If you would like any support in completing your school offer for phonics and early reading please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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## Information on Ofsted's Annual Report 2019/20

Ofsted found that leaders in outstanding schools do not settle for phonics screening check results that are in line with the national average or explain pupils' poor progress by their background.

In these schools, leaders instil a sense of urgency in teaching the lowest attaining 20 per cent of pupils to read, at both KS1 and KS2.

[Read the TES headlines here.](#)

[Read the Annual Report from HMCI here.](#)

## English Hub Resources, Information and Webinars

### WEBINARS

- The webinar delivered by HMI Ofsted Inspector Kirsty Godfrey [The possible impact of Covid 19 on pupils reading and the implications for addressing gaps in learning](#) is available on the password protected section of the website for Partner Schools. **This is a useful resource for all school staff to access during a staff meeting.**

The next webinar on **reading deep dives** delivered by Kirsty will go ahead as scheduled on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

- Following feedback from partner schools and Literacy Specialists, the Hub has produced a webinar on [blending](#) designed to support this specific aspect of developing early reading.
- [Delivering Effective Phonics and Early Reading](#) webinar provides an overview of the key principles of teaching effective phonics and early reading.
- [How the Brain Learns to Read](#) is a presentation from a French scientist on his research based on tracking the dynamics of brain activity in children as they learn to read.

Please contact the Hub Team if there are specific aspects of teaching and learning you would like additional information on.

#### Coming Soon

We are currently working on producing resources and webinars to support schools develop remote learning practices and maximise the impact of remote learning on phonics and early reading.

#### Remote Learning Offer

When considering your remote learning offer you may find it useful to re-visit the [Covid 19 Recovery](#) information published in September which included an **template to audit** phonics, early reading and reading for pleasure provision.

#### 10 top tips to support children to read.

[Click here](#) for advice to help primary-aged children read at home.



#### Story Time with Nick

20 story times are available to schools for children to watch and enjoy [here](#)

### E BOOKS

Many of the publishers now have a range of ebooks on their website for schools and families to access during lockdown. Contact Janet Conway as she has secured great discounts from suppliers,

# Online Phonics Lessons



## Letters and Sounds Online Lessons

NEW: SPRING TERM LETTERS AND SOUNDS LESSONS FOR YR AND Y1 NOW LIVE!

Daily Letters and Sounds lessons were used by thousands of schools and parents during the first lockdown. This term three different lesson types are available – all designed and delivered by phonics experts working with the validated Letters and Sounds English Hubs. New lessons are uploaded to the YouTube channel [Letters and Sounds for Home and School](#) every weekday at 9am. Once they go live, lessons stay live so they can be viewed and re-watched at any time families choose.

There are three different lesson types: • Reception • Year 1 • Learning to Blend for children who need additional practise

We recommend accessing lessons via the Letters and Sounds website [lettersandsounds.org.uk](https://lettersandsounds.org.uk)



### Top Tips for Parents

Alongside the daily lessons, there are a series of short video clips on the You Tube Channel to support parents with specific aspects of teaching phonics, including:

- Parent's guide to tricky words
- Parent's guide to pronouncing phonemes

## Read, Write, Inc Online Lessons

**Free RWI Phonics lessons for children on YouTube.**

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/>

Practise Speed Sounds Lessons, Red Words and Hold a Sentence at home.

**YouTube speed sounds lesson schedule.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H9rGoXkmeyU>

All daily films will be available at 9.30am from Monday to Friday. Each film is approximately ten to fifteen minutes long and will be available on YouTube for 24 hours during school closure.

**Films for parents and carers.**

<https://www.ruthmiskin.com/en/find-out-more/parents/> These films show parents how to teach children to read and write with *Read Write Inc.* Phonics

The DfE have identified additional funding targeted at moving schools to a Google or Microsoft digital platform. Google G Suite for Education and Microsoft Office 365 both offer a fully featured, cloud-based platform that includes approaches to schedule, deliver and assess learning materials remotely as well as videoconferencing facilities. Once set up, Demonstrators are in place to help you make best use of your platforms. For more information, [please visit The Key](#).

For any additional information [please visit the remote education home page](#).

## SSP Online Training for Staff

### Letters and Sounds

Little Sutton English Hub partner schools have completed the training during the Autumn term, If schools have additional staff, for example new staff, TAs, KS2 staff currently supporting EYFS and KS1 during lockdown, who require training please contact the Hub team as soon as possible,

### Read Write Inc

Face to face and remote training and Development Days are now available.

Contact [admin@ruthmiskin.com](mailto:admin@ruthmiskin.com) to find out more.

## EdTech Demonstrator Hub support

Back in October, the DfE announced a package of support available for remote education arrangements. This included guidance and support for teachers and leaders on educating children during the coronavirus outbreak, and a new online remote education service for schools and colleges to access this support.

The EdTech Demonstrator Programme is a peer support programme of schools and colleges with expertise in use of technology to improve outcomes. The network is in place to help schools use digital approaches to develop and strengthen their remote education strategy, foster better links between teachers and their pupils, track pupil progress, promote wellbeing and protect teacher time. It also includes ways technology can be used to support the continuation of teacher CPD.

Contact the demonstrator network by visiting <https://edtech-demonstrator.lgfl.net/home>. Advice and guidance can be tailored to meet individual school circumstances, objectives, and the time available.

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**Connecting Stories** is an exciting calendar of events and activities that will be taking place in Birmingham over the next 9 months, designed to support the wellbeing of children and encourage them to read and write for pleasure.



Funded by Arts Council England, the **National Literacy Trust** will be working with schools and the wider community to engage through a range community-driven events and activities, including:

- Virtual author events
- Creative-writing competition
- Anthology of children's work which will be exhibited in local cultural venues
- Book donations
- Walk and talk trails
- Community-wide event to promote wellbeing through reading and writing



*Watch this space for further information and details on to get involved.....*

**Click the link for details of the National Literacy Trust Primary Conference**

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/events/primary-conference-2021-literacy-stealth/>

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