

Years 7 & 8

Welcome to a list of suggested activities for students in Year 7 & 8 to do at home if school is closed

Home Learning - This Ministry page is under development but keep an eye on this as they develop the resources over the coming week. [Ministry home learning advice](#)

Note to Parents/Caregivers - *Where possible, try to limit time on devices to half-hour slots. If you have more than one child at home make sure that you set a clear timetable to avoid any arguments.*

Daily routine

Before 9 am	Your usual routine - Breakfast and tidy room, make bed	
9 am - 9.30 am	Play, fitness, active game	Eg family walk around block or garden, Go noodle fun exercise indoors fun for family, online yoga, etc
9.30 am - 11.00 am	Learning time 1	Rotate with different activities (see suggestions below) e.g half hour to 20 minutes intense MathsBuddy, then a hands-on puzzle, game etc.
11.00 am - 11.30 am	Break & chore time	If possible spend time outside, eat a snack, kick a ball around, jump on a trampoline Chore time - wash windows, sweep floor, vacuum, wash dishes, etc. Generally pitch in and help around home and garden
11.30 am - 1 pm	Learning time 2	Rotate with different activities e.g half hour to 20 minutes reading, then a hands-on puzzle game etc. fun writing activities see suggestions below
1 pm - 2pm	Lunch	Get involved in preparing and making lunch - talk about why you do certain things in the kitchen - at least half an hour free play-time
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Learning time 3	This is the time to have fun with other learning areas - e.g. Inquiry, science, languages, technology, social science etc., have fun with experiments that use things in the house. Ask your parents if they would like to learn too

Learning ideas

Writing

- Keep a daily diary (maybe take a photo first to inspire your writing)
- Cut out a magazine/newspaper picture and write about it
- Write about something you see outside
- Create crosswords, word finds
- Write your own poetry, stories
- Make a cartoon
- Study Ladder - <https://www.studyladder.co.nz/>
- Root words and their meanings
- Look at the website Pobble 365 for a picture of the day and questions to answer about the picture - <http://www.pobble365.com/>

Reading

- Duffy book- read and review
- www.cheapies.nz/node/25259 - free online books to read
- www.TKI.co.nz - online school journals
- www.uniteforliteracy.com/ - free online books
- Study Ladder - <https://www.studyladder.co.nz>
- Sunshine online <https://www.sunshineonline.co.nz> username:westharboursunshine password: student2018
- Make your own cartoon (maybe use an online app to publish)
- Keep a reading log of the books/ magazines that you are reading
- Make a poster about the book you are reading

Maths

- Bake or cook something (help the family)
- Maths Buddy
- Practise your family of facts, timetables (<https://maths.prototec.co.nz/>)
- Create a Sudoku, number crossword
- Cards (salute) are fabulous to use and also games like Uno, Rummikub

Art

- Using a pencil, sketch something from nature (colour it in if you like)
- Loads of ideas on YouTube to match resources you already have at home

Science

- Make a poster about washing your hands
- Home science - Check out:
 - <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/experiments.html>
 - <https://sciencebob.com/category/experiments/>
 - <https://mommypoppins.com/kids/50-easy-science-experiments-for-kids-fun-educational-activities-using-household-stuff>
- www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors - fun indoor experiments/activities
- www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-cooking - kids recipes for cooking

Studyladder

- <https://www.studyladder.co.nz/info/school-closures-teachers> document with suggestions

Social Sciences

- Research the history of viral infections in New Zealand

Te Reo

- Refine your pepeha
- Learn and memorise common words - colours, part of the body, emotion words such as happy/sad
- Te reo website: <http://www.tokureo.maori.nz/index.cfm/1,188,0,43.html/Series1.html>
- Create a game/kahoot to help you(and others) learn your te reo vocabulary

Languages

- Want to learn another language? Check out -
 - <https://www.duolingo.com/>
 - <https://www.babbel.com/>