

Activities for colleagues whilst at home

Professional Development, Accredited and/or Certificated courses (These are all free!)

- MindEd – <https://www.minded.org.uk/>
 - MindEd has e-learning applicable across the health, social care, education, criminal justice and community settings. It is aimed at anyone from beginner through to specialist.

- Understanding Autism – <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/autism>
By the end of the course, you'll be able to...
 - Explain what autism is, and evaluate whether it really exists
 - Identify social communication skills and explain what happens if they do not develop as expected
 - Summarise knowledge of sensory and repetitive behaviours, and whether such behaviours are advantages or disadvantages
 - Explain why many people on the autism spectrum have co-occurring conditions
 - Identify the origins of strengths and difficulties experienced by people on the autism spectrum
 - Explore and discuss lived experiences of people on the autism spectrum

- Essential IT Skills – Level 2 – <https://www.vision2learn.net/course/free/107/essential-it-skills-level-2>
 - Unit 1: Word Processing Software
 - Unit 2: Presentation software
 - Unit 3: Spreadsheet software
 - Unit 4: Improving productivity using IT

- Richard Hirstwood has created a free readily available online inset training programme. He has seven lessons available already on multi-sensory learning and plans to add more online programmes to support SEN professionals during school closures – <https://hirstwood.com/online/>

- Training from complexneeds.org has some very good material – <http://www.complexneeds.org.uk/>

- Bitesize SEN resources covering the major SEND areas. Collection of brief explainers and resources that you can dip in and out of in the coming weeks might be helpful. Introductory material (in the form of a short video, if possible) and then some further resources focused on classroom practice. – https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_OJEMIEI1Cz1205RUuS_Q_36CNStUcoYRxiORHDIPh7rA/mobilebasic