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## Free Resources to support Remote/Distanced Musical Learning

There are many teaching and learning resources which are free to access that have been created by many organisations to help support music-making to continue whether learning from home or in school. Here is a collated list of just some of them. There are also other collated lists which are worth checking out:

- [https://www.rhinegold.co.uk/music\\_teacher/resources-for-at-home-music-learning-for-teachers-and-parents/](https://www.rhinegold.co.uk/music_teacher/resources-for-at-home-music-learning-for-teachers-and-parents/)
- <https://www.musicmark.org.uk/resources/home-learning-resources/>
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## Inclusive Resources

### BBC Teach

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- [Bring the Noise – SEND music teaching guides and tutorials](#): Deliver a story with songs, increase numeracy by using simple songs to teach and encourage children to explore music using objects and sensory materials.
- [Bring the Noise – Songs in British Sign Language](#): Learn to sign and dance-a-long to the songs.

### Sing up

[Sing Up](#) have some free resources to keep children learning and singing outside of school, including sign language and Makaton videos.

### Drake Music

[Drake Music](#) are leaders in music, disability and technology. They champion new and innovative ideas for accessible musical instruments, aiming to broaden the scope of what is available to young disabled and non-disabled musicians. In delivering music education and participatory music-making sessions, they make use of these instruments, traditional instruments and existing assistive and accessible music technology.

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### City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra

[The CBSO's Education programme](#) creates teachers packs and learning resources to accompany projects, providing teachers with creative ideas, practical music making activities, cross curricular learning opportunities and further listening suggestions. The Music and Ability pack contains ideas for activities and projects with children and young people with special educational needs.

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- [Dance with the elements](#): explore dances for each of the four elements which have been choreographed to different pieces of classical music including JS Bach, Karl Jenkins, Aaron Copland, Johann Strauss, Claude Debussy and John Adams.
- [Bring the Noise](#): Find music resources, lesson plans and music activities to suit younger age groups.
- [5 musical ideas to try with children at home](#): These simple ideas will help keep little ones occupied while encouraging them to explore and learn about music.

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### The Voices Foundation

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### English Folk Dance and Song Society

A wealth of free digital learning resources for music, dance and drama for children and young people from EYFS to secondary divided into each learning stage to be used in school or out of school

### YolanDa's Band Jam - something 'bout that noise

It is finally here!!! YolanDa's Band Jam Album as seen on CBeebies.

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- [Interactive Lessons](#): Get creative with Tchaikovsky's 'The Nutcracker' in this Ten Pieces Live Lesson for 7-11s, full of dance, movement and characterisation. It was created in collaboration with the Royal Opera House and The Royal Ballet School, and shows pupils how to create their own original dance moves.
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Each Composition Challenge will be introduced with a short film and supported by a teacher pack to guide you through a variety of activities to get your class composing. We can also supplement your in-school work with specially tailored workshops (in person or online) with London Sinfonietta musicians and composers to offer feedback to your students and help them develop their work. We then invite schools to submit their compositions for us to share and perform.

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### **[The Voices Foundation Virtual Singing Assembly](#)**

Join the [Voices Foundation's Virtual Singing Assembly](#), for a fun and uplifting 10-minute sing for children, parents and teachers!

### **[Music Theory](#)**

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### **[Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra](#)**

[Carnegie Hall Listening Adventures](#) presents Benjamin Britten's Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra, complete with an interactive game.

### **[Classics for Kids](#)**

- [Composers](#): Find out all about the composers featured on Classics for Kids
- [Games](#): Explore fun and interactive classical music games

### **[Philharmonia](#)**

[Explore orchestral sounds](#) as the Philharmonia's expert players guide you through the intricacies of the instruments they play.

### **[Friday Afternoons](#)**

[Friday Afternoons](#) is a Snape Maltings led singing project connecting teachers and young people with contemporary composers, through creating high quality repertoire, resources and training to encourage challenging and exciting music making experiences for all. The catalogue provides warm ups, leader tutorials, case studies, lesson plans and worksheets to support teaching the repertoire.

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### **London Philharmonic Orchestra**

- [Creative Classrooms Connect](#)
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- [Summer Songwriting](#) – a project for a KS2 class to compose their own song together

### **Royal Opera House – Hansel and Gretel Immersive**

[Royal Opera House](#) invites you to join CITV presenter Luke Franks as he visits the Royal Opera House and meets a host of young singers who introduce him to the opera Hansel and Gretel. This ten-lesson immersive course will guide children through the process of putting on your own version of this opera (which includes specially arranged musical extracts), and help you establish the key elements of dramatic singing.

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[Ravel's Bolero for KS2](#): Use the specially created digital resources to help plan and deliver creative, fun and educational music activities.

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### [University of Huddersfield: Music Archeology](#)

#### [From Stone Age to Roman Times | KS2 Education Pack](#)

This education pack, with links to National Curriculum Programmes of Study for Music, History, Science, English, Art, Drama & DT, is a brilliant way for children to explore the sounds and music of pre-historical and early Roman sites.

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- The Studio: [Teacher Area](#) – All sorts of GCSE/A Level music exam-related, but also general composing tools and resources for secondary students

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## **Key Stage 4/5**

**In addition to all the above:**

### Passing Notes Education

Digital resources for GCSE and A Level composing and Listening. There are some small fees to access the materials.