



Surrey Heath and Farnham (Updated Feb 2021)

Family life during the lockdown

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Young person's guide

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Also available

During times of uncertainty – like when we all have to stay safe at home because of the coronavirus – it's even more important to look after our wellbeing. The Five Ways to Wellbeing are five simple actions you can do every day to help you feel healthier, happier and more positive.

Here are some ideas to help you use the Five Ways to boost your wellbeing during the lockdown. These are just some suggestions to get you going – once you've done a few of these, you could try creating your own list and swapping ideas with your friends.

Connect

Connecting with people can make you and others feel special

- Get in touch with a relative who lives alone. This could be by phone or you could even sit down for a meal and video call each other.
- Set up a virtual book club with friends.
- Put up extra pictures of the people you care about as a reminder of the important people in your life.
- Watch the weekly round-up of upbeat stories in the BBC's [Happy News](#).
- Check in with your friends regularly to see how they're feeling.



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Be active

Getting active is good for your mental and physical health

- Join Joe Wicks in his [PE with Joe workout](#) for children and young people at 9am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It's even more fun if you can get your friends involved via video link.
- Create a favourite music playlist and dance for 30 minutes every day.
- Take a look at these ideas from Sport England on how everyone can remain active at home or create your own [#StayInWorkOut](#) on social media.
- Take up running. If you're just starting, try the [One You Couch to 5K](#) app by Public Health England.

Always follow [government advice on COVID-19 social distancing](#)

For secondary school aged children



Take notice

Really take notice of your own feelings and of the things and people around you

- Reflect on the positives – keep a gratitude journal in which you write down three things you feel thankful for every day.
- Consider your strengths and how you can make the most of them.
- Think about who inspires you and why. If you want to, you could write them a note to let them know.
- Create some calm – try out some of Childline’s breathing exercises, activities, games and videos to help you let go of stress.
- Make a [Coronavirus Time Capsule](#) to record your experience of this moment in history.
- Write wellbeing quotes on pieces of paper and place them around your bedroom.

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Keep learning

Learning isn’t just for school – study something new or try something different

- Learn about how to stay safe when you’re on your phone, tablet or computer with this advice from Thinkuknow.
- Take a virtual tour of the British Museum.
- Learn to cook a new, healthy recipe with your family.
- Learn a new word every day and see how often you can use it!
- Audible has put a selection of its [audiobook stories online for free](#), allowing young people to stream each via their phone, tablet, laptop or desktop.
- Learn a new language in a fun way with Duolingo.
- [BBC Bitesize](#) has some great learning resources.

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Give

Giving makes everyone feel special – give someone your time or just say thanks

- Donate your time to do something for someone else – this could be a family member or a neighbour.
- Say thank you to someone who has helped you. For example have a look at the [Thank a Teacher Campaign](#).
- Offer to help with chores around the house.
- Consider fundraising online for those most affected by COVID-19. Check out this Just Giving guide to find out more about how you can help.
- Spring clean cupboards and drawers and prepare unwanted items to donate to your chosen charity when you can.
- Phone or write to a friend, family member or neighbour who may be feeling lonely and isolated.
- Take part in the nationwide Clap For Our Carers every Thursday at 8pm.

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Online safety – Visit www.saferinternet.org.uk and www.thinkuknow.co.uk for more information on staying safe online.