Staying active at home (and keep learning…)  

Remember it is really important we all stay active during this time.

Children are used to be **physically active** during the school day so keeping some level of activity during the day will ensure their physical and mental health. Also, children enjoy being active!

The official guidance is that children should have at least 60 mins a day of moderate to vigorous activity.

- During moderate intensity activity children should still be able to carry on a conversation
- During vigorous intensity activity, children should find it more difficult to carry on a conversation.

More online resources:

**Virtual Sussex School Games**  
@sussexschoolgames  
www.activesussex.org/virtual/

**Active Sussex:**  
https://www.activesussex.org/activeathome/

**Youth Sport Trust**  
https://www.youthsporttrust.org/free-home-learning-resources-0

**Sport England:**  
https://www.sportengland.org/news/how-stay-active-while-youre-home

I am also keen for the children to keep **learning and improving**. So similar to their other subjects please find below some **PE ideas**. I am planning to put together a weekly set of ideas for the children. Please encourage them to have a go at these as part of the schoolwork.

This week the focus is on getting controlling a ball.

Can you tweet what you do…?  

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Ideas for this week

Example objective: I can control an object with my hands/feet

The aim going forward is to provide schools with ideas for in-school PE as well as tasks that can be completed at home. With this in mind, the following assumptions have been made: equipment will be minimal and not shared (unless allowed as per school risk assessment); all children will be a minimum of 2m apart.

Please start wherever you feel is appropriate.

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| • Set up your outside space allowing a set space per child, e.g. On a netball court, set up 6 spaces per 1/3. | 1 | Using fingertips, roll the ball over different parts of their body, over toes, round ankles, up and round tummy. Can they use both hands? Can they use one hand? Can they use your non-dominant hand? | • Use either a ball or a rolled-up pair of socks  
• Vary the challenge for each child  
• Include letter/ numbers for EFYS and KS1, words for KS2  
Adaptation: children can use another piece of equipment to move the ball if they are not able to dribble with hands/feet. E.g. hockey stick/ tennis racket/ rounders bat |
| • To begin with I suggest you use a marker to highlight the centre of their space | | Can they make a figure of 8 with the ball through/ round their legs? Can they do this with the ball in the air as well as on the ground? | |
| • Allocate each child a space, allowing a “spare” space per 1/3 will give you flexibility | | Can they draw shapes/ letters/ numbers with the ball in your space? Can they challenge their balance and do this by reaching and not moving? For example, they might need to stand on 1 leg to reach. | |
| • Each space does not have to be square; the children could chalk their own shape into their allocated space however keep in mind the 2m rule | | • They will need to bend their knees so they can keep their head up to see where they are going  
• Do they need to watch the ball?  
• When using feet, use the footballers in your group, to demonstrate how to dribble the ball, keeping it close and turning | |
| • Children could be allocated their space before leaving the classroom | | | |

I am aware that every school has different size outside spaces, please bear this in mind when zoning the space for the children.

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- Remember to use the **STEPS** principle to challenge the children:
  - **Space** – by making the space bigger/ smaller you will adapt the challenge
  - **Task** – all the children do not need to work on the same task, can they challenge themselves? E.g complete the challenge quicker, use their non-dominant hand/ foot? Can the more able add in “tricks”?  
  - **Equipment** – this task will be easier with a ball, does a bigger/ smaller ball make it easier/ harder? Socks will be harder to dribble with feet
  - **People** – due to social distancing this is an individual task however adding more people can make the task harder
  - **Safety** – make sure the children work within your school’s risk assessment/ policies with regards to social distancing and equipment

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<td>• Using more space, can the children dribble at speed over a further distance?</td>
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<td>• Can they complete a course set by their partner? Who can complete it the quickest? Include distance as well as parts involving close control, e.g. slalom through some cones</td>
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